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Progressive Baptist Invade North Carolina

GREENVILLE — "God wanted the Foreign Mission Board to come to a quiet place ... where He could get His message over to us, stated Dr. Robert H. Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. He spoke to a group of ministers and laymen, whose hearts were on fire with the "Presence of the Holy Spirit". As Dr. Wilson spoke through a voice choked with emotions and wiped tears from his eyes he continued... "God wanted to get us away from the big city and the bright lights where He could get our attention and commune with us."

He wanted to get us away from the fast transportation and other places that attract us and take us to a quiet place, where the hospitality of people and the atmosphere was right for spiritual meditation. I wondered why we were going to Greenville, North Carolina, a small



From left to right row: Extreme left, Dr. Hylton James, pastor Berean Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. S.W. Jackson, La.; Dr. William Ross, Ark.; Dr. W. Hartsfield, Ky., National Church Program Chairman; Dr. R.R. Williams, chairman, Foreign Mission Board; Dr. Robert H. Wilson, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board; Rev. Isadore Edwards, Jr., Deputy Secretary; Rev. A.L. Bawman, Secretariat. Back row, third from right, Rev. B.B. Felder, host pastor.

place that most of us have never heard of. But here at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, God has spoken to our hearts."

The Foreign Mission Board, meeting at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Reverend B.B. Felder, pastor, spent three days outlining its work for the next year. During the three-day meet

December 7-9th, Board members heard reports, lectures and sermons by outstanding clergymen from many parts of the nation. Among the speakers were Dr. Carl Sams, President of the National Baptist Convention of America, and Mrs. Barbara W. Knight, President Junior Women's Auxiliary,

National Baptist Convention of America.

Special guests who were invited to the Session were: Dr. J.J. Johnson, President, General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc., Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Mrs. C.E. McLester, President of the Women's Home

and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Inc., and Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Inc.

At the close of the session, Dr. Wilson declared that no other session that he could recall was as inspirational as this. Many of the brethren confessed that they had not done all they could have done for Foreign Missions. A number of pastors pledged to go back home and do more for mission. The secretary reported that there were 40 churches that had given enough to Foreign Mission to be classified as Honor-roll churches. He reported that over \$100,000 had been raised across the nation and 40 percent of that amount came from the honor roll churches.

The next session of the Board will be held at the Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Hylton James, pastor, April 26, 1977.

Groundbreaking Service Held

Convention Birthplace To Be Rebuilt

GOLDSBORO — Although there was a steady downpour of rain most of the day, there was great joy at First African Baptist Church when the Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the new edifice were held last November 28. The entire month of November was spent in fundraising and preparation for Homecoming at the historic church, birthplace of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. Those who remember the history of the First African Baptist Church will recall that the General Convention was born there in 1867. The old edifice was destroyed by fire on February 12, 1973.

The Church has an illustrious history: it was organized on West Pine Street and Warsaw Court. This was the site of the barracks of the Union Army which was stationed in Goldsboro during the Civil War. After the fire, the congregation decided to move to a new location because it was unable to secure enough land to rebuild at the old site. The new site is located on the eastern border of Goldsboro, a nine acre tract that was the campsite of General

Sherman on his march through the South during the Civil War.

Representing the Convention, was Dr. T.A. Watkins, Chairman of the Trustees of the General Convention; he turned a shovel full of dirt in the name of the Convention to the Glory of God.

Mr. Eugene A. Brown, chairman of the Trustees and Chairman of the Building Committee at First African, turned the first shovel full of dirt in the name of the Father, The Son and Holy Ghost. Mr. Brown was also chairman of the Groundbreaking Ceremonies. The Service was begun by ringing the Church bells from the very first edifice that housed the First African Baptist congregation. There was a choir that sang, "Great Day, First African Marching" ... God is going to build up our fallen walls. The entire program was carried live on Radio Station WOKN, F.M., which is owned and operated by Mr. Robert Swinson, a member of the First African Baptist Church, who has recently become a Deacon-aide.

Mrs. Ernestine Wooten was Chairman of the Homecoming Activities which began with a

fellowship breakfast for the young people and included a reception for the general membership on Saturday

evening. Deacon John M. Matthews is Chairman of the Board of Deacons, Dr. R. Stovall is Chairman of the Finance

Committee, and Reverend Isaac B. Horton is pastor.

Construction is due to being on the new edifice in January 1977.



Photo Identity: Holding the microphone, Deacon-aide, Robert Swinson, holding the shovel, Dr. O.R. Stovall, Mr. E.A. Brown, Mr. John Wooten, Sr., Architect, Conrad Wessell, Pastor I.B. Horton, Sunday School Supt. Thomas Hardy, Vice-Chairman of Deacons, Mr. E.L. Smith, holding umbrella, Mr. James White. Youth are: front row Joseph Horton; Back Row Ivy Murraine, Bernardette Horton, Jeanette Jones, Lynn Whitted; left of back row, Mr. Maxwell Williams.

The President's Pen

West Africa Safari - Inspiring, Informing And Disappointing

Only an on the scene visit of the Foreign Mission Ventures of any Religious Denomination will give the true picture and total facts on the efficiency and effectiveness of the Missionary Operations. Even then it will be difficult to give an accurate evaluation unless you are studeous and know the financial involvement of the sponsoring Religious Institution and the recipient agency.

The recent West African Safari headed by Mrs. M.A. Horne resulted into two significant findings: (1) That Africans resent and reject Women Leadership and (2) That Missionaries alone cannot bring total salvation to the Natives or Christianize Africa. A combination of skilled technicians, Missionaries, proper Medical Care, improved sanitation, and the immediate end of exploitation and prostitution can bring total salvation. Exploitation and prostitution are more prevalent and visible in Monrovia, Liberia.

Many Foreign Mercenaries and Missionaries exploit the Natives of human resources as well as Natural Resources.

The Multi-Millionaire Firestone Company in Liberia work the Natives for \$1.15 per hour plus some unreasonable limited fringe benefits such as housing, health and education. Porters and waiters receive 25 cents per hour from hotel and restaurant owners.

There seems to be very little hope for the 70 million Nigerians with their class and caste system plus their catering to foreign mercenaries.

Our first Worship Service on Sunday, November 28th at the UYO Mission Church, Nigeria, Rev. Charles E. Ebong, Pastor was the most moving and motivation experience I have witnessed since my conversion. God's presence filled the temple that was without doors, windows and floor but lined with spirited humanity. Dr. O.L. Sherrill thrilled the Natives and the

Tourists with his Message on "Co-Laborers With Christ".

The Christian Reception and dedication of our Nigerian Brothers and Sisters were genuine. All the children wanted to come back to America with us or be sent for later.

After leaving Port Harcourt, Nigeria 14 members of our party were separated from the group for three days, plus sleeping two nights in Lagos Airport. Later in Monrovia, Liberia two of the fourteen had their pocket books stolen with their passports and cash.

Our visit to Brewerville, the Lott-Carey Mission School was frustrating and fruitful. Some conditions of dormitory facilities were deplorable plus some dissatisfaction among the staff over salaries. However, the committed Christian conscientious concern and dedication of Rev. Jeremiah Walker, Mrs. Walker, the School Staff and Students proved beyond a doubt the need for greater financial support and accountability by the General Baptist State Convention and the Lott Carey.

Most members of the group were momentarily shocked at their findings of very few Bibles, Hymn books, no Sunday School Materials or Literature and very few books in the library plus the lack of sheets and spreads in dormitories. This shock was good since all left with a determination to do something constructive about the conditions — Give More and Talk Less.

Our accommodations may not have been first class during the West African Safari, nor Women Leadership accepted but we got first hand information on Lott-Carey Mission Works in UYO, Nigeria and Brewerville, Liberia.

We saw brothers and sisters exploited by whites, browns, yellows and even blacks.

Many thanks to the people who planned and paid for the Safari — the experiences are unforgettable.

Joy D. Johnson

From

The Executive Secretary's Desk

Dear Christian Co-Workers: The year 1975-76 was the best in our Convention's history. Our people have begun to support the work wholeheartedly and cheerfully. On behalf of the officials, and for myself personally, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to you for

helping make this possible.

As we enter into the new year, 1977, I wish for you, health, happiness and prosperity. Let us resolve to continue our spirit of cooperation, and we can reach our spiritual and financial goals by the end of our fiscal year.

O.L. Sherrill

Set Your Affection On Things Above,

Not On Things On The Earth —

Colossians 3:2

Happy New Year !

From all of us at Baptist Headquarters to all you throughout the land.

We want each of you to know that we sincerely appreciate the wonderful way in which you supported the Lord's work through the General Baptist State Convention in 1976. Your cooperation and understanding has made our work easier.

The "Baptist Informer" has endeavored to keep you up to date on the matters concerning the Baptists and vital issues relating to the Christian life. We are aware of the errors and humbly ask your tolerance. Also we invite you to write to us and express your views on the various issues and concerns of our time.

As always, there are subscribers who have difficulty in receiving your "Baptist Informer" because of incorrect addressing, misplaced mailing stencils, etc. If you are not receiving your "Informer", please write to us and we will be more than happy to correct any errors.

The outlook for the year is good, and we are encouraged to believe God's word — that He will keep us in all cir-

cumstances. We do not look for God to remove the tension that exists between Himself and His people. For it is this tension that brings about correction and progress. Let us thank God for it.

All subscribers who have not paid the subscription fee of \$2.50 for the coming year are en-

couraged to send it in by return mail. Again we are asking that each of you get at least one subscriber this year in an effort for us to double our circulation.

Thank you for your kind consideration and each of you are in our prayers, please remember to pray much for us.

New Hymnal Published

Washington, D.C. — A new Hymnal, containing 503 selections has been published by the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. The hymnal is designed so as to provide a hymnal that contains the traditional selections used by the Christian church; as well as selections that are peculiar to the Black church. Many of the more recent tunes are also included.

Another unique feature of the Hymnal is "A Statement of Christian Faith", by Dr. Harold A. Carter, outstanding pastor of the New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md. Dr. Carter is also author of a recent book, "The Prayer Tradition of Black

People".

The Reverend O'Kelly Lawson, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Greenville, N.C. is also a contributing editor.

The Hymnal contains Responsive Readings and an exhaustive Topical Index. It is an interesting new work and has promise of great service to Baptist churches.

The Hymnal can be purchased as a: "Special edition of the Broadman Hymnal, copyright 1940, by Broadman Pres. Published especially for the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., with headquarters in Washington, D.C. 20011.

N. C. Native

Appointed To Mission Field

Greenville — The Reverend David A. Rooks, pastor of the St. John Baptist Church, Westbury, New York has been appointed Superintendent of Missions in West Africa, including Camerrons, Liberia, and Ghana. The appointment is for a three-year tour of duty.

This is a unique appointment in that Reverend Rook's wife, Barbara, is a registered nurse and will be part of the medical mission team. There are six (6) children in the family, three (3) boys and three (3) girls, which makes it a family enterprise. He is to begin his tour of duty in the month of March 1977, if the appointment is confirmed by the Convention's Executive Board.

The Reverend Mr. Rooks is a native of Rose Hill, N.C., the son of the late Mr. B.S. and Hannah E. Rooks. Reverend Rooks resided in Wilmington, N.C. during the early part of his ministry, and was a member of the Middle District Baptist Association. Under the moderatorship of Reverend B.L. Rich, he served as recording secretary. He was privileged to preach and serve in the North Carolina Churches where he received his foundation in Christian Ministry. This foundation has resulted in a ministry that has a national and an international scope.

Reverend Rooks is humble in his pride of North Carolina and the General Baptist State Convention for the role that it has played in his development. He has expressed deep gratitude to his co-workers and to God for the opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus on the foreign field.



Dr. Robert Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Convention of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. is shown appointing Reverend David Rooks to the foreign field as Superintendent of African Missions.

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

Johnson District Assn. Holds Bicentennial Banquet

RALEIGH — The weather was unseasonably cold, but spirits were warm and high on Friday night, December 3, 1976. The event was the bicentennial banquet held in the Student Union Ballroom on the campus of Shaw University. The churches of the Johnston District Association sponsored this event as an extra benefit effort for Shaw. The Johnston Association supports the unified objectives set up by the General Baptist Convention of N.C., Inc., namely for, Shaw, State and Foreign Mission, J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly and Central Orphanage.

An interesting program was presented while the sponsors and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet meal. The Reverend L.E. Simpson, moderator of the Association was toastmaster. Music was furnished by the United Heritage Gospel Choir of Shaw and the Young Adult Choir of First Baptist Church, Clayton. Coach Horace T. Small introduced, Mr. Thomas Kee, Director of Public Relations,

Shaw University, who gave the encomium to Shaw. Mr. Kee pledged the University's support by keeping in touch through its students by visitations to the various churches programs, (Sunday School) church worship, B.T.U., etc.).

He lauded Moderator Simpson for his leadership and Mrs. Simpson for her vitality (Mrs. Simpson is the organizer) and expressed hope that the dinner would become an annual affair at Shaw. Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell chaired the recognition period and presented several plaques for faithfulness. Mrs. Salomia McLamb, Vice president, Womans Union gave warm greetings from the group.

The banquet netted \$100,000 which was presented to Shaw. Mrs. Erma G. McDougle, gave a tribute to Shaw University in an original anacrostic verse listed below:

S — Is for schooling our profs taught us well,

H — Is for hard times we've had some 'tis true,

A — Is for Always our hearts with praises swell;

W — Is for Wonderful, being right here with you!

U — Is for Unique Shaw is not an imitation,

N — Means never giving up our Shaw Association;

I — Is for intelligence which you have shown by coming

V — Means volunteering for a cause we hold most dear.

E — Is for enthusiasm our Association always shows

R — Right on for the Bears as our University grows,

S — Is for support Shaw with our dollars and our time.

I — Its an investment in your school and mine.

T — Is Thanks for coming to the Banquet and sharing at SU!

Y — Now don't you forget our association group because Shaw needs you!!



This photo shows Mr. Thomas Kee delivering the main address to the Johnston District Association's Bicentennial Banquet, last December 3, 1976 at Shaw Student Union Ballroom. Seated is the Reverend L.E. Simpson, moderator of the Association.

Echoes From The Foreign Field

Brewerville, Liberia, West Africa — The following letter is an example of the effect of the work of the Woman's Convention. The man who wrote the letter works on the campus of the mission school in Liberia. During the time that Executive Secretary Horne was there on the recent African Tour, he told her his story. He has a wife and seven (7) children and support them on \$155.00 per month. He is about 70 years old. When Mrs. Horne heard his story about his daughter she gave him a \$10.00 traveler's check.

(The full story and pictures of the African Tour will follow in the next issue of the "Baptist Informer".)

Dear Mother Horne,

You can not imagine the role that traveling check played in the graduation of my daughter. The little money that I had, was very small, hence, I added that amount you gave me to fill the

big gap. My wife asked me how I managed? I told her it was Mother Horne that put us over the bridge of the anxiety.

The said graduate daughter Elnora Johnson gave the valedictory address, now she wants to continue her studies but you know the salary that I mentioned to you got me on the spot in getting her in college.

Finally, my wife joined me to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the gap you fill up in time of need. We pray that the Almighty God may shower His special Blessing upon you and the Convention that you are heading.

We wish you a happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours in the Master Service
Oscar Bullock Johnson, Sr.

P.S. I am a full product of the Lott Carey Convention asking to pray for me that the labor of the Convention may be fruitful for the benefit of mankind.



Members of the Johnston District Missionary Baptist Union, auxiliary to the Johnston Baptist Association receiving plaques in the Shaw Student Union Ballroom, during the Association's Banquet. The plaques were presented because of their outstanding work in the Union as missionaries. They are considered to have done work beyond and above the call of duty. Presenting the plaques is Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell.



The photo shows the Johnston District Association's Bicentennial Banquet, held at Shaw Student Union Ballroom, last December 3. Standing are members of the United Heritage Gospel Choir of Shaw University and the Young Adult Choir of the First

Baptist Church of Clayton. Seated, at the far left, is moderator, Reverend L.E. Simpson.

State Missions: A Nurturing Agent

RALEIGH — (Editor's note: This article concerning State Mission, is the third in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention, N.C., Inc., One of the objectives is emphasized each month: all Baptist, Departments Auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to serve financial support for that objective during the month of its emphasis. It should be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program).

"But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel". (I. Timothy 5:8).

One of the primary principles of the Christian church is that "charity begins at home and then spreads abroad". Recognizing this principle as a vital element in the work of building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ; the Convention's leadership through the years, has understood that the Convention's program can be no

stronger than its individual member churches. Therefore, when the Unified Program was organized many years ago, it was decided that 30 per cent of the Convention's income should go back into the program to help the individual churches in their growth and development.

Some weeks ago, a national news column carried a story about a woman who was very active in her community in Christian Missions. She was diligent in coming to the aid of those who had sickness or death, and always had plenty of time to work with church and community efforts that were missionary in nature. But the story went on to say that on a particular Sunday, she prepared a very scrumptious meal for a man who was sick while her own husband and children were left to eat left-overs and sandwiches. The question was raised as to what motivates a person to work so hard for others, while neglecting their own family. In answer to this question, it was pointed out that such a one has an emotional need to be appreciated and praised. This is a

psychological sickness, growing out a warped understanding of what is contained in Christian Mission. It is also the manifestation of a corrupted ego.

This bit of insight is given to demonstrate the need to keep the program of Christian Mission in the right perspective. There is continuing need to nurture the local church program so that it can be strong in its work of Kingdom building.

The General Baptist State Convention has always had a program of State Mission which included some feed-back of funds into the Religious Education Program of the local church. Another aspect of this program has been leadership training, both state and local leadership.

In 1975, the Convention adopted a new plan of State Missions, designed and proposed by the pleasant president, Dr. J.J. Johnson. The program in brief review states: There shall be ten (10) regional Christian crusades with emphasis on evangelism. The General Convention will establish five (5)

Christian regional service centers: thereby, designation counties, churches, auxiliaries, associations, and district conventions to each region wherein located or circumscribed. Pastors, moderators, and officers of auxiliaries by virtue of their office would automatically be assigned to the respective region. The regional, educational, evangelical, and economical centers would be established to coordinate and promote the programs, plans and objectives of the total Baptist family made efficiently, effectively, and fiscally and to avoid duplication of services and cost plus rendering greater service to all facets of the local church.

One of the more significant aspects of the new program is contained in Article IX, Section B, which states: "To establish regional centers libraries with resource information. We must do more than ask: we must offer services, center resources — such as religious books, films, magazines, plans, programs, pictures, arts, crafts, hints, and helpful aid and assistance to the

local church leaders in the region.

This indeed is a program of that aims to nurture the local church. It is a program that recognized the need to develop and enrich the local church. From this writer's point of view, it can easily be seen that when the local church supports the Unified Program it is adding support and strength to its own foundations.

This program is headed by the Executive Secretary, it is promoted by the Assistant to the Executive Secretary and, carried out by the Director of Christian Education and the secretary of the Laymen's work.

Every member of the Convention's staff is part of the team to implement this nurturing program. It is also carried out through associations, unions, and local conventions, and their auxiliaries.

Much of the work of our associations is inspired by this nurturing program of the Convention. A featured article on this page gives an example of what can be done when leaders are inspired through this program of nurture.

Foreign Missions

Laborers Together With God

-I Corinthians 3:9-
Delivered by O.L.
Sherrill

Uyo, Nigeria, West Africa,
November 28, 1976

Greetings My Brothers and My Sisters:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I have been looking forward to this visit to the African Continent. Certainly, I have been musing over what might be the differences between our cultures and climates, and this has intensified my desire to come to your beautiful land.

Thank you for the welcome you have extended and the kind hospitality you have shown us since we have been in your midst.

Even though we live at least ten thousand miles apart, there is so much that we have in common there is so much that we can be and do together, to make the entire world a better place in which to live.

The message for today is taken from I Corinthians 3:9, and the subject is "Laborers Together With God".

Introduction

In the year 52 A.D., twenty-four years after Christ ascended, and at the age of forty-five years, the Apostle Paul at the close of his second missionary journey, came to Corinth.

It was in this city, where in all probability, he did not know anyone, but he found a Jew by the name of Aquila, who with his wife Priscilla, had been banished from Rome by the Emperor Claudius. Paul was instrumental in leading Aquila to the Lord Jesus Christ. After awhile Paul went into the

Jewish synagogue and preached there.

A few converts were made, including Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue. But violent antagonism came from the unconverted Jews and Paul was forced to turn to the Gentiles.

So he left the synagogue and began to preach in a house belonging to a former proselyte named Justus. Larger numbers of people, including some Jews, but mostly Gentiles, united with the Corinthian church.

Paul worked there for about a year and a half but finally the Jews raised such a clamor because of his success in proselyting those of their own number. They roused a mob against Paul and brought him to judgement before Gallio, the proconsul. Gallio dismissed the case as having no legal standing and Paul departed from the city to Asisa Minor, and eventually found his way back to Jerusalem.

After Paul left, a man by the name of Apollos, a Jew of Alexandria, who had been converted through the minority of John The Baptist, came to preach at Corinth.

Apollos was of different mold than Paul. Paul was a teacher; Apollos was a preacher. A new class of people began to come to the church, under the influence of Apollos' preaching, who were different than the converts of Paul, and were not so thoroughly instructed when they joined the church. As a result, there came to be tension between the converts of Paul and the converts of Apollos. There is no reason to think that Apollos himself was responsible for this division. It was very natural that it came

but it grieved the heart of Apollos and he left and went to another place of labor. The unfortunate result of his ministry was that there were two parties left in the church. Before long there arose a third and a fourth party in the church, one calling itself after St. Peter and the other after Christ. After a few years the church in Corinth was divided into sections and this kind of party strife had done much to hinder the ongoing of the gospel.

So it was about five years after the original foundation of the church, in the year 57 A.D., they wrote to Paul seeking his advice on their divided situation. The Apostle felt that there was a great danger of all his labor being lost, so he sat down and wrote to the church at Corinth. Though Paul deals with particular troubles and peculiar problems, nevertheless, in each case he brings to bear some fundamental principle of Christianity in which issues had to be settled by eternal principles rather than by contemporary compromises. In each case Paul went to the very heart of the matter and decided a case in such a way that it was a decision, not only for the church at Corinth of that time, but a decision for all churches in all times.

The problem of division in the church had arisen because of leaders. One group was following Paul, another Apollos, and another claimed to follow only Christ. Paul dealt with this problem by reminding them that Christ alone is important and individual ministers are but signposts who point the way to Christ. "Paul may plant and

Apollos may water, but it is only God who gives the increase". "The planter and the waterer are one". "For We Are Laborers Together With God."

I. Number One, in the year of our Lord, 1976, we are Laborers together with God in Reaching and Saving.

By Christ's death on the cross, atonement was made for the sins of man. Those who accepted Christ became the sons of God.

As the people of God, we must carry on the work of God. Being identified with God would indicate an attempt to live and to express the will of God in this world. The people of God must be consistent with the character and the concern of God.

The church is God's agency for utilizing human effort in reaching people for Himself. Jesus established the church for the purpose of doing His work on earth. He helped His followers to understand this mission. He told them to go into all the world and make disciples for him, baptize the believers, and teach them to observe all things he had commanded. In Acts 1:8, he told his followers to embark on an aggressive, continuous, ever widening outreach task. The earlier promise of the Holy Spirit was repeated. His power would enable them to expand their vision, to deepend their insight, to break the chains of national prejudice, and to offer freely to all men the Kingdom of God.

The followers of Jesus in every generation inherit similar commands. Every Christian should go to the limit of his ability to make disciples for Jesus, and then teach them to go and make other disciples.

Christians who lose sight of this responsibility, miss the priority of assignment given them by Jesus. Even though we are separated by the vast Atlantic Ocean we can still work together with Almighty God in loving people; reaching people; and teaching people for the noble Cause of Christ.

II. Number Two, we are Laborers Together with God in Strengthening and Preparing new converts. They should be helped to grow spiritually. The trained and experienced witness should discuss with each new convert, the importance of the church and his need for the church. The experienced Christian should explain how one becomes a member of the church.

Orientation into the church fellowship should be accomplished through the church's established program of new church member training. Through such a program, the church can be certain that new member understands the Biblical basis for the church, the nature of the church, the history of the church, the mission of the church, the organization of the church, the doctrines of the church, and his place in the church.

III. Number Three, We Are Laborers Together With God in Ministering to Man's Needs.

God is always pioneering thrusts into areas of life that many people think were unreachable. Some of the far-out areas of special need have been identified as follows: Prisoners, Military personnel, the poor, internationals, the aging, juvenile delinquents, the sick,

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The N.C. Womens Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Conference

1977 Budget - \$250,000

All Institutes are \$60.00 Per Week

The 1977 Events

January: Prayer Month for State Mission

Send offerings To Your Woman's State Office

January 8 — Charter Buses (Bring a Sandwich) — The Mid-Year Session, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, North Carolina H Hours: 8:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Correction: The Baptist Informer erroneously reported the meeting site for the Youth as Shaw University please note the correct meeting place below.

April: Prayer Month for Foreign Mission, Send offerings to Your Woman's State Office.

April 2 — Charter Buses (Bring a Sandwich) — State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, A Demonstration of a District

Conference Annual Meeting - Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas Chairperson.

Seniors - Martin Street Baptist Church, 1001 East Martin Street, Raleigh, Dr. Paul Johnson, Minister.

Y.A. & Youth - St. Matthew AME Church, 805 East Davie Street, Raleigh, Reverend R.L. Stephens, Minister

Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For: Leaders and Officers of Departments.

June 6-10 — The Missionary Training Conference, The Baptist Assembly - Laurel Hill, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Class Instructor. Each Circle should send at least two (2) representatives. The County having the most representatives present will be recognized at the Annual Session.

June 12-17 — First Week For

Youth Bible Camp, The Baptist Assembly - Laurel Hill.

June 19-24 — 2nd Week of Youth Bible Camp.

June 26 - July 1 — 3rd Week of Youth Bible Camp.

July 9 — All Baptist picnic, Dedication of new building, Preaching at Its Best - Dr. J.R. Burt, Chapel Hill Singing, Games, Old fashion picnic baskets.

July 25-29 — 93rd Annual Session of the Woman's, Baptist State Convention White Rock, Baptist Church, Durham.

July 25 - 10:45 a.m. —

Executive Board WBH&FM Convention, White Rock Baptist Church.

July 25 - 6:00 p.m. — 45th Annual Pre-Convention Banquet.

August 29 - Sept. 2 — Lott Carey Convention, Louisville, Kentucky.

September 6-11 — National Woman's Convention, USA, Inc. Miami Beach, Florida.

OCTOBER: Prayer Month For Shaw University and Divinity School

October 12-15 — North American Baptist Women

October 12-15 — North American Baptist Women, Freeport, Grand Bahamas

November 24 — Thanksgiving Day, O, Give Thanks unto The Lord He Is Good.

December 25 — Christmas Day, A Savior Is Born.

Life Member Pins: The Person or organization selling the highest number of Life Member Pins each year will receive a State Recognition Certificate.

Please Keep This Information Sheet In Order To Keep Abreast Of Our Convention Dates.

Your Executive Secretary.

Laymen's Corner

Happy New Year!!!

Let's get off on the good foot!!!

Thanks be to God for allowing us to see a new year and may He guide us forward as we plan and work to build His Kingdom. Help us O Lord to use past experience to make this year a better year. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Calendar of Events

January 1977

January 3 — Lisbon Street Baptist Church Clinton, N.C.

Region 6 - Laymen, Royal Ambassadors, 4 - New Christian Chapel, Rose Hill, N.C. Laymen Royal Ambassadors; 5 - Friendship Baptist Church, Whiteville, N.C.; 6 - First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C.; 7 - Sandy Run, Jacksonville, N.C.

Times: 4-6 p.m.; 7-7:45 p.m.

14 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet; Royal Villa Motor Inn - Raleigh, N.C. Tickets \$12.50.

24 — Mount Calvary Baptist, Goldsboro.

Region 8

January 25 — St. James Baptist, Rocky Mt., N.C.

January 26 — Sycamore Hill Baptist, Greenville, N.C.

January 27 — First Baptist, Kinston, N.C.

January 28 — End Street Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, N.C.

Times 4-6 p.m.; 7-7:45 p.m. Topics: Laymen and Church Music.

Region 9

January 31 — St. John Baptist Church, New Bern.

February - St. Reddick Baptist, Belhaven, N.C.

February 2 - St. Luke, Morehead City, N.C.

February 3 — Spring Garden, Washington, N.C.

February 4 — Cornerstone Baptist Church, Williamston, N.C.

Times 4-6 p.m.; 7-7:45 p.m. Topics: Laymen and Church Music

Region 10

February 14 - Cornerstone

Baptist, Elizabeth City, N.C.

February 15 — Indian Wood, Windsor, N.C.

February 16 — New Ahoskie Baptist, Ahoskie, N.C.

February 17 — First Baptist, Murfreesboro, N.C.

February 18 — First Baptist, Rich Square, N.C.

Times 4-6 p.m. 7-7:45 p.m.

Please keep these dates at hand and pass the word on so that everyone can come and tell your problems, what works and don't work, and come to learn and take back.

Our special emphasis for January 1977 will be "State Mission". Send a liberal contribution to our headquarters to support our work. Ask yourselves and your laymen group these questions:

(1) What is the "Unified Plan"?

(2) What is State Missions?

(3) How does "State Missions" affect Laymen?

Things to do:

1) In your meeting pray for State Missions

2) Send a contribution large or small

3) Have special programs at your meetings telling and explaining what State Missions are.

4) Look around in your area and find something that relates to mission - examples:

a) Rest homes, Half-way house, prison camps.

b) Homes for children, hospital

c) Senior citizens groups, etc.

"If you don't have finances, donate time" Show Concern, Be Concerned, Act Concerned.

The answer to many problems in helping this institutions mentioned above may not be just getting monies but finding someone to devote some time and energy.

5) Write your laymen field worker and give him some encouragement, your prayers, and constructive criticism.

Waverly Camp, Jr.
Laymen Field Worker

I have attended church, Bible school, weekday prayer meetings, conventions and have sung the same hymn over and over again. Most of the time a song was sung that had no relationship to the meeting, services or whatever. Due to the fact that we only knew a small selection of hymns anyway.

"The 'Hymn of the Month' project is aimed at helping the congregation become familiar with hymns, their authors and underlying meaning.

Hymn of the Month

January 1977

+Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Author - Reverend George Duffield, Jr.

George was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania in 1818. He graduated from Yale and Union Theological Seminary. Thereafter, he held six (6) pastorates in the east and mid-west. His forte was preaching and pastoral work. It was during his third pastorate in Philadelphia that he wrote the hymn, "Stand Up For Jesus".

The story goes as follows:

In Philadelphia, in common with many areas of the country during the 1850's, was experiencing a great revival. There the noonday meetings were held under the direction of the Y.M.C.A. in Jayne's Hall which seats 5,000 people. The leading spirit in the revival was Reverend Dudley Tyng, a low churchman who believed in church unity. Public sympathy was very high for Mr. Tyng, he had been ousted from his Episcopal parish for preaching strongly against slavery. When he was ejected many of his parishioners went with him and formed a "Church of the Covenant" in a hall. Other clergyman had joined in the revival then under way, especially inspired was Mr. Duffield.

Then came Tyng's sudden death. "Tyng left his study for a moment, went to the barn where a mule was at work on a horse-powered machine, shelling corn. Patting him on the neck, the sleeve of his silk gown caught in the cogs of the wheel and his arm was torn out by the

roots. He died five days later. Several clergyman were present at his bedside. One of them asked the dying man if he had a message to send to his people.

Tyng replied, "Tell them, 'Let us all stand up for Jesus'". On the following Sunday, Mr. Duffield preached to his own people from the text, "Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness" (Eph. 6:14), ending with the hymn that embodied the dying message of his friend.

"Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus (1858)

The hymn is militant in spirit, based upon Paul's imagery of a soldier's equipment. In a way this hampers its usefulness with the present generation, because modern warfare knows no "banners", trumpets, have been suspended with "walkie-talkies", and the gospel armor has been reduced to a mere helmet, while the noise of battle is now made a bazookas, bombs, tanks and machine guns. But in spite of these anachronisms, the Christian life is a fight with evil within and without, that there is a leader, that obedience, and sacrifice are the order of the day, that courage and strength are still indispensable, that prayer helps and that victory is possible. This victory is won within us by letting the ideals of Christ dominate every thought and act; without, by transforming the social life, now dominated by lust, greed and the will to power, into a brotherhood whose principle of living is in the Golden Rule. Is there any other gospel but this or any greater challenge?

The stanzas are as follows:

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the cross; Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss:

From vic'try un-to vic'try His ar-my shall He lead,

Till ev'ry foe is van-quished And Christ is Lord in-deed.

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus! The trumpet call o-bey;

Forth to the might-y con-flict, In this His glo-rious day:

Ye that are men, now serve Him, a-against un-num-bered

foes;

Let cour-age rise with dan-ger, And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength a-lone;

The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye dare not trust your own:

Put on the gos-pel ar-mor, Each piece put on with prayer;

Where du-ty calls, or dan-ger, Be ne-ver want-ing there.

4. Stand up, stand for Jesus! The strife will not be long;

This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song,

To him that o-ver-com-eth, A crown of life shall be;

He with the King of Glo-ry Shall reign e-ter-nal-ly.

The hymn should be presented in the following manner: Places: Church worship service, Sunday School, B.T.U. meetings, etc.

(1) Read the story of composer and hymn

(2) Have musicians play through to familiarize the congregation with tune.

(3) Read words

(4) Sing through the verse with choir and congregation. Hopefully this will create the following goals:

(1) Create congregation participation, an act of worshipping

(2) Develop a larger supply of hymns

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as hymn and song relates to the Christian faith.

Next month: The Negro National Anthem

Waverly Camp, Jr., Secretary of Church Music

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When any one has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offence cannot reach it.

—Descartes

Whatever of outward service or obedience we render to God or man, if love is withheld, the law is not fulfilled. —F.B. Mayer

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Laborers Together

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minority groups, and the non-evangelicals.

In our quest for these persons in need, we must remember that Christian action is more than social action. The added qualities are intention and expected results. The Christian's intentions are to honor Christ and to get the needy person's attention for Christ. The expected results are that they will discover for themselves the love of God in Christ.

To reach these people, we must discover their needs. Jesus Christ needs more people who are sensitive to the world's needs and less people who are incensed over the world's evils.

At the end of his brief ministry on earth, Jesus made clear the basic work of His followers. Just before His arrest and crucifixion, in a sermon on the final judgement, he spoke of the poor people of the world. He told of a King who sent His subjects into eternal punishment because they did not see that failure to give bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, hospitality to the stranger, clothing to the naked, and comfort to the sick was failure to the king. This sermon is a mandate for every Christian to be a light in the darkness that surrounds the lives of men and women. Paul said, "You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky" (Phil. 2:15, TEV).

Together we can minister to human need in Christian love through: schools for the unlearned; hospitals for the sick; clinics for the afflicted; good will centers for the impoverished; food for the undernourished; jobs for the

unemployed; fair compensation for the laborer; and legal counsel for those whose rights have been abused through unfair court procedures.

When we meet crucial human needs in the spirit of Christ, we are performing the function of ministry. The church exists for people - those who are members as well as those who live without the Saviour. Where human need exists, the church has a responsibility to minister. Paul exhorted the Christians: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (Romans 15:1).

God has a purpose: to reconcile the world unto Himself. This purpose is also the purpose of the church. Christians must be willing to be Christians to the world, not merely members of a local congregation or a nation. They must always be turning outward to witness, to minister and to apply. Each Christian must bear the spirit of Christ.

He must do this in belief and relevance, in freedom and openness, expectantly and creatively, and with faith and conquest.

When Jesus announced his mission, he said, "The rit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath annointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord". (Luke 4:18-19).

This is our mandate, for We Are Laborers Together With God.

Brothers Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

By Charles F. Blalock

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. Wiley T. "Army" Armstrong and his brother, Randolph T. "Navy" Armstrong were inducted into the Shaw University Hall of Fame in ceremonies held in Raleigh's Hilton Inn on Saturday night.

The Rocky Mount natives were students at Shaw in the 20's and went on to become probably the most accomplished athletes in the history of the school, joining Dr. James E. Lytle in the Hall of Fame.

Describing the accomplishments of Dr. Wiley T. "Army" Armstrong would be akin to writing the scenario of a Hollywood movie. "Army" was the first four-year, four-letter athlete at Shaw, starring in football, basketball, baseball and being an outstanding tennis player. "Army" also was an all-conference, and an all-America athlete, drawing the admiration of all who watched him play, and also the praise of both teammates and also opponents. Grantland Rice said, "it wasn't whether he won or lost, but how well he played the game." To hear such outstanding sports figures as Skink Browning, Pete Williams, and Cecil Flagg tell of how "Army" Armstrong influenced their careers was almost impossible to imagine. Dr. George Debnam related how

Dr. Armstrong was his guiding force in his quest for his medical degree, and Mayor Bill Turnage of Rocky Mount, spoke of Dr. Armstrong, "the citizen."

Randolph T. "Navy" Armstrong followed his brother through the halls of Shaw University, in the shadows of his accomplishments, and showed the timbre of which men are made. While his big brother's shoes could not be filled, "Navy" proceeded to make footsteps of his own. He made his marks in the fields of sportswriting and officiating, with these jobs evolving to the job of Commissioner of the CIAA.

Dr. Leroy T. Walker, main speaker at the Hall of Fame Dinner, brought the impetus of the occasion closer to home in the minds of the younger generation in the audience when he spoke of how the influence of these two men had touched the lives of the men who had taught the likes of Sam Jones, Squirrel McGuire, "Bear" Wilder, John Baker, Curley Neal and Meadowlark Lemon of the Globetrotters, and too many others to name.

When one realizes how these two men had directed the lives of the men who had led this impressive list of athletes, it is easy to realize how they were selected to be the second and third inductees into the Shaw University Hall of Fame.

Excerpts From:

Western Union Association Activities

By Mrs. Mamie McL. Fasion

Sampson County — Greetings to the Baptist family with its continued upward march. We of the Western Union are happy to send a bit of news to our wonderful paper. The year 1976, has been a year of mixed emotions for some of us. There has been fears and doubts, yet God has taken care of us.

The fifth Sunday Unions have been held at various churches in

Oklahoma Defeats

Liquor-By-The-Drink

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — Oklahoma voters turned down a constitutional amendment which would have brought liquor-by-the-drink to the state.

Voters in only six of the state's 77 counties voted in favor of open saloons. The liquor-by-the-drink measure lost for the second time in four years.

Oklahoma currently has package stores only. However, loopholes in the state law have allowed hundreds of private clubs to spring up where members allegedly are served drinks from their own bottles kept at the clubs. Baptist churches in the state carried the major load in defeating the amendment, an Oklahoma Baptist spokesman said.

The measure would have left writing of controls of liquor by the drink up to the state legislature.

"Wet" forces campaigned on a theme of bringing control of liquor to the state, even though the 273 word amendment made no mention of controls.

The campaign was marked by several legal maneuvers, including injunctions preventing the Sooner Alcohol, Narcotics Education, Inc. (SANE) from collecting money for the campaign or speaking out on the state question. State law prevents corporations from campaigning on state questions.

Churches of various denominations then formed the Social Betterment Council, an unincorporated group, to wage the anti-liquor fight.

The pro liquor forces went to district court in Oklahoma City again and tried to keep incorporated churches from helping finance the anti-drink campaign, and contributions were then allowed only from individual church members. The pro liquor forces lost in an effort to keep pastors from speaking out on the liquor question. They claimed that pastors would be acting as agents of corporations if they did so. The court denied that move.

Final margin of victory for the drive was about 76,700 votes out of a total of more than 1,000,000 votes cast.

I would hope a church, however, would turn away no worshipper. And Foy Valentine of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville, blasted the "blatant racism" of the 1965 resolution but said the episode could be opportunism or a "Nixon-style dirty trick of desperation."

the Associations, and every time the Session has been inspiring and helpful to us: Our officers are: Dr. W.J. Boykin - President; Reverend F.A. Robinson - Vice-president; Mrs. P.S. White - Secretary; Miss Sherilene Royal-Assistant Secretary and Mr. M.C. Williams-Treasurer. We are also blessed to have our missionary Department under the leadership of Mrs. Hazel Everett as president. This department is working faithfully and meets quarterly at various churches. We feel that we have caught the spirit for greater work in the Lord.

The Western Union Association Sunday School Convention convened at the Red Hill Baptist Church, Reverend J.D. Herring, pastor. The theme for the Seniors was: "The Challenge of the Church and Its Responsibilities". The theme song for the Convention was "Love Lifted Me". Much food for thought was given throughout the setting. Officers are: Mr. D.H. Tilford-President; Mr. R.M. Williams - Secretary. The Singing Union Officers are: Mr. M.C. Williams - President Mrs. Rosa Boykin - Secretary. Baptist Training Union officers are: Mrs. Ann J. Hill-President; Miss M.B. Boykin, Secretary. We are grateful for the unselfish service and dedication of these leaders.

We are also very proud of another of our organizations, the "Daughters of Zion". The name itself tells us that long ago some of our devoted women thought of doing mission work. They set out on a mission ship which they named for that stronghold Zion City of our Lord. It has been sailing smoothly ever since. This organization holds an Annual Session and a Mid-year Session each year. We given a contribution to Central Orphanage and to the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention. We also contribute to many other causes for Christ and his Kingdom building.

Officers for the Daughters of Zion are: Mrs. Mamie Mc. L. Fasion-President; Mrs. Susan Robinson-Vice-President; Miss M.B. Boykin-Secretary; Reverend A.J. Merritt-Counselor; Mrs. Roberta Harris-Treasurer.

Officers for the Western Union Association are: Reverend J.H. Everett-Moderator; Reverend Clifford A. Jones - Vice-moderator; Reverend F.R. Peterson-Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mamie Mc. L. Fasion - Corresponding Secretary.

The Annual Session of the Association was held at the Beaverdam Baptist Church, Sampson County, the Reverend James K. Clarida, pastor. All the auxiliaries were well represented and the meeting was a blessing to all who attended.

It was reported that many improvements have been made in many of the churches. Some have purchased new pews and had carpet put in the aisles. Some of them have completed dining room and kitchen facilities and others have added assembly rooms. The Lisbon Street Baptist Church of Clinton,

Reverend H.R. Cogdell, pastor, recently dedicated its new educational building, which included classroom, Guest Lounge, kitchen, nursery, church office and pastor's study.

The First Baptist Church, Clinton, Reverend Clifford A. Jones, pastor, has recently purchased a church bus. The Church also has a day care center.

The Association has sponsored several trips that were of spiritual and educational value. Other events that were attended by our delegates were: The all Baptist Assembly, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, and the Special Session of the General Baptist State Convention, held at Rocky Mount in November.

'You Feed Them'

Greenville — In response to the question: "What can the Christian minister do about the physical needs and spiritual hunger in our world today?"...Dr. Hylton James' answer was: "You Feed Them". Referring to the Biblical incident of the feeding of the 5,000, he said that Jesus commanded His Disciples to feed the multitude, when they asked what to do. Dr. James was speaking at the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville, during the annual session of the Foreign Mission Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.

Dr. James was speaking on the theme: "Positive Responses To Biblical Imperatives". He is pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. The challenge before the session was the task of finding support for the work of the Foreign Missions. Dr. James pointed out that God has called the minister to do the work of Evangelizing the world for Christ. He said that often the work of Foreign Missions suffers because there are so many ministers who feel that they will run out of resources if they allow their congregation to give to Foreign Missions. "The resources are unlimited," he declared, and when we stand in the way, we sin against those whom God would save. "You have the word of eternal life... You feed them", he challenged. The resources of God are like a spring that never gives out of water, but is kept fresh because of its giving. The more we give, the more God gives to us, therefore, what we need is ministers with more willingness to trust God."

The opinions of men cannot be substituted for God's revelation.

—Mary Baker Eddy



Dr. J.Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School, Dr. J.B. Humphrey, chairman of the Committee, Dr. W.B. Lewis and Dr. J.E. Arnette. Not shown on the photo is Reverend I.B. Horton, Vice-chairman of the Conference Committee.

Baptist Mix Politics And Religion

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — Mixing politics and religion, more than 5,000 Alabama Baptist — both black and white and representing five different conventions and 1.3 million members — came together for an historic joint meeting to observe a special U.S. Bicentennial session at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center here.

Billed as a "festival of freedom" the program featured a mass chorus of 1,500 voices, a patriotic paean of praise, a sermon by a black Baptist pastor from New York, and a Bicentennial address by Oklahoma Governor David Boren.

Alabama Governor George C. Wallace also made a guest appearance, and earlier in the annual meeting of the Alabama Baptist Convention, U.S. Rep. John Buchanan (R-Ala.), a former Southern Baptist minister, urged all churches to open their doors to all men regardless of race, creed or color.

Buchanan, congressman of Alabama's sixth district, told the Baptists that President-elect Jimmy Carter's first test of leadership came on Sunday, Nov. 14, in the Plains Baptist Church.

"There they struggled in a three hour meeting for the right decision" on whether to open their church to blacks, Buchanan said. "How I thank God for the right decision" to end racial discrimination, he said. "Shall John Buchanan or any other individuals deny the right to worship for any person from whom Christ died?" Buchanan asked. "God forbid."

The congressman said he believed Carter to be "a born again believer in Jesus Christ," and he urged the Baptists to "pray that he will be God's man." Buchanan also urged the Baptists to reach out and join hands with those about you.

Gardener Taylor, of Brooklyn, the first black and the first Baptist to be elected president of the New York City Council of Churches, told the joint session that two enormous ills — greed and racism — stand in the way of Christians making the nation's 200 year old promise of freedom and opportunity a reality.

Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church of Christ, without mentioning either man by name, spoke of Martin Luther King, a black Baptist born in Georgia in 1929, and Jimmy Carter, a white baptist born in Georgia in 1925, and how the "hand of God made it possible" for the first Southerner to be elected President since 1849.

Taylor spoke of the circumstances King went through to achieve his goals, which also liberated Carter to become President. He spoke of how they "found each other's hand and heart."

The South's patriotism has been known everywhere, Taylor declared, but he said "an albatross" has hung around the neck of a person from the South wanting to be President.

"We face a new day," Taylor noted, "a new hope and new birth of freedom. The challenge," he declared, "is to determine that the last vestige of our dark night, going back to the Civil War, is behind us."

Gov. Wallace, a surprise addition to the program received a standing ovation when he was introduced. He said the greatest need of the U.S. is "spiritual revolution or revival which every you call it. The Bible belt is in an ascendancy and the old fashion values of moral goodness, which were practice a hundred years ago, have come back in vogue," he explained. Wallace said there is a yearning for the "fundamental Christianity" which Baptist espouse.

In other action, the Alabama Baptist Convention passed a resolution for prayer and support of President-elect Carter, re-elected Dan Ireland, pastor of Jackson Way Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., as president; and voted a \$13.3 million annual budget. Thirty five and a half percent of the state's Cooperative Program budget will go to worldwide Southern Baptist missions.

The convention also adopted resolutions opposing violence on television, pornography and alcohol abuses and resolved to support observance of the Lord's Day.

The 1977 convention is set, Nov. 15-17, at the Civic Center, Montgomery, Ala.

Plans Made For Pastor's Conference

Raleigh — Several members of the Shaw Pastor's Conference Committee met November 29 to lay plans for the up-coming Pastor's Conference. The Conference is to meet at Shaw, March 21-23. The Shaw Theological Alumni will also be in session during the Conference.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, and chairman of the Committee, called for a theme that: "would have a relevant word for our Black Churchmen". After a very profound discussion the Committee offered the theme: "An Examination of the Roots of Religious Resurgence".

The Committee has extended an invitation to several outstanding theologians and

At Shaw

Who's Who Selected

By CHARLES F. BLALOCK
Raleigh, N.C. — The Office of the President announced today that thirty (30) Shaw University students have been selected for listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

According to Dean of Student Affairs, Mrs. Mack Sowell, this national scholastic body honors college and university students who have been identified as outstanding scholars and campus leaders during their college careers.

To meet these qualifications, the students must be a junior or senior; have at least a 3.0 grade point average; have good moral character; be active in several campus organize have at least one year of study at the recommending university, and have not been previously elected to Who's Who.

The students selected are: Florrie M. Barton, St. George, S.C.; Edwin S. Bennett, Plainfield, N.J.; Sandra Renee Bennett, Badin, N.C.; Janice Blue, Clarkton, N.C.; Henry Lee Branch, Petersburg, Va.; Brenton D. Brincefield,

Burlington, N.C.; Gregory Chandler, Philadelphia, Pa.; LeCounte Conoway, Portsmouth, Va.; David V. Copp, South Hills, Va.; Elizabeth A. Creecy, Rich Square, N.C.; Brenda Davenport, Atlanta, Ga.; Denise D. Duncan, Memphis, Tenn.; Mamie R. Everette, Oak City, N.C.; Dottie S. Harrison, Rocky Mount, N.C.; Michael Howell, Sunbury, N.C.; Douglas J. Joyner, Portsmouth, Va.; Paulette Kearney, Cofield, N.C.; Ovetta R. Lewis, Portsmouth, Va.; Robin J. Lowe, Madison, N.C.; Iris R. McLaurin, Littleton, N.C.; Candyce E. Newsome, Ahoskie, N.C.; Sharon M. Robinson, St. Pauls, N.C.; Octavia A. Russell, Pelham, N.C.; Ethel M. Stackhouse, Riverdale, Md.; Phyllis J. Turner, Warrenton, N.C.; Cornell Wells, Portsmouth, Va.; Larry Williams, Miami, Fla.; Sheila B. Winston, Washington, D.C.; Leonard A. Giles, Portsmouth, Va.; Gregory G. Gipson, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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churchmen to discuss the theme and to deliver sermons. The Conference promises to be rich in thought and inspiration, perhaps the best ever.

The photo shows several of the Committee members engaged in the vital discussion.

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—Mary Baker Eddy

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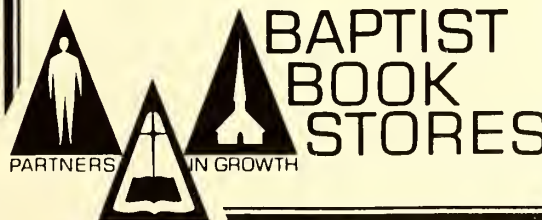
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Baptist Leaders Dismayed At Anti-Family Viewing

By NASHVILLE PRESS
NASHVILLE (BP) — Two Southern Baptist executives in the fields of broadcasting and moral concerns have reacted with dismay to the recent ruling of a California federal judge against the "Family Viewing Hour" on the major television networks.

Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Radio and Television Commission, called the ruling "unacceptable and odorous."

Harry Hollis of Nashville, director of special family and moral concerns, SBC Christian Life Commission, called it a

"disappointing setback to the millions of Americans who see family viewing time as a first step toward diminishing the exploitation of sex and violence on television. It appears," he said, "that the judge has

Laments Apathy To World Needs

MEMPHIS (BP) — Christian in the United States fail to respond to world needs "because our minds are bogged by information overload and because our hearts are suffering from carrying underload," the executive director of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) said here.

Miss Carolyn Weatherford, in an address to trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, lamented a sense of apathy that she said seems to exist among some churches and the U.S. in general.

The WMU executive told the Brotherhood leaders she was excited, however, as she traveled across the nation and world and found church after church where the Baptist Men and Women are involved in missions.

She was especially excited, Miss Weatherford said, about the growth of Baptist Churches among the Quiche Indians in Guatemala, which she visited recently.

Twenty Baptist congregations exist among the Quiche Indians, and since July, there have been 110 new believers to join the churches, she said.

The Quiche Baptist churches, with a total membership of two thousand members, have a goal of increasing membership to 100,000 in the next 10 years, she said.

"That means every believer will be responsible for winning 50 people to Christ in the next 10 years," she said.

"Can we say the same about churches in (the U.S.) American or about our own church?"

In too many cases, she responded, Baptist churches in the U.S., have lost the excitement of the natural response to faith in Christ that the Quiche Indians demonstrate.

"No church," she observed, "can become more than the individual members want it to become."

Miss Weatherford expressed appreciation for a "new sense of cooperation" between the Brotherhood and WMU organizations nationally. She reported that the staff of the two agencies held a joint planning meeting in September and the Brotherhood and WMU will have a joint leadership conference at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, July 9-15, 1977.

In introducing Miss Weatherford, Brotherhood Commission Executive Director Glendon McCullough praised the new look in creativity in WMU that Miss Weatherford has brought to the missions education agency since assuming the WMU executive directorship in 1974.

forgotten that the television airwaves belong to the American people."

The ruling in Los Angeles by U.S. District Court Judge Warren G. Ferguson declared that the controversial family viewing hour violates the free speech provision of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Ferguson said that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) may not force the networks to set inside an hour of prime time nightly for programming which minimizes violence and sex.

The 223-page decision also points out that while the courts cannot force the networks to abandon the family hour, each network must be allowed to schedule its own programming without interference from the FCC and NAB.

Two of the three commercial networks, ABC and CBS, announced immediately that they will appeal the ruling. NBC said it will wait until the decision has been reviewed before deciding on further legal action.

The networks may decide to point out in their appeal that they are participating voluntarily in programming the family hour.

Stevens took emphatic exception to the idea that the FCC or NAB forced the networks into the family viewing concept. "The networks met and agreed voluntarily that something had to be done about violence and sex on television," he said. "They gathered voluntarily, in the public interest, and sought some answers."

"They consulted with Richard Wiley, FCC chairman, and the FCC, and Mr. Wiley brought no pressure on them. All the networks testified in hearings that what they had done was strictly voluntary."

"The judge chose to ignore the testimony — and to ignore his (earlier) statement to the plaintiffs and defendants that it was obvious no case of undue pressure could be proven and that, therefore, he was stopping the trial and ordering the parties to meet and settle."

"The surprise ruling," Stevens continued, "completely denies and ignores that statement. The interested public is left wondering what transpired to cause him to reverse his earlier reasonable point of view."

Wiley said that the federal agency is consulting with the U.S. Justice Department concerning a possible appeal. Wiley said after the decision that the FCC had never "issued threats of government action" against the networks if they failed to program the family hour.

Judge Ferguson's decision said that if the FCC choose to regulate the content of television programming it must do so formally and not by using "informal pressure accompanied by self-serving and unconvincing denials of responsibility."

While acknowledging that "the family hour may or may not be desirable," the judge went

on to say that "censorship by government or privately created review boards cannot be tolerated."

Ferguson, who declined in his ruling to comment on the merits of the family hours concept, did offer the services of his court to assist the networks in devising ways to continue using the family hour, but without outside interference.

Judge Ferguson's decision came after three artistic guilds and Norman Lear's Tandem Productions, Inc., challenged the family hour concept. Both Hollis and Stevens reacted against their position.

"If the Hollywood artists would spend as much energy in writing creative programs as they have in fighting family viewing time," said Hollis, "American television viewers would not have to suffer through the excessive violence, sexual exploitation, gutter language, and bathroom humor that characterize so many programs."

"All Americans concerned about television programming," he continued, "should call on the networks not only to continue family viewing time but also to improve it. Let us urge the networks to clean up the other viewing time periods as well."

Stevens, calling the family viewing concept an "admirable example of self discipline," commended Wiley and network executives and noted:

"Family viewing time came about because of two separate audiences in this country — the pre-teen and teen audience and the young adult, adult and elderly audience. The networks and every responsible broadcaster in this country are aware of this and the general programming format reflects this consistency."

He said former CBS president, Arthur Taylor, suggested that special programming consideration be given to early evening hours, making it primarily for family programming.

Stevens said Taylor did this for two reasons: "(1) He felt that sooner or later the American people were going to rise up against the television industry and demand government control of some sort. He wanted to avoid this at all costs, and hoped that all parties concerned would voluntarily agree with him and work in this director."

"And, (2)," he recognized that the two audiences were there and sought to program to one in the early evening and to the other in the late evening."

Stevens said the parties to the Hollywood suit objected because "they wanted full access to all network prime time slots, with no recognition of the family viewing segment."

"For the most part they belong to the 'anything goes' segment of the entertainment field," Stevens said.

He said semi-pornography, nudity, semi-nudity and violence and implied violence are their "stock and trade."

FCC had never "issued threats of government action" against the networks if they failed to program the family hour.

God Wakes Up And Stirs His People

Rocky Mount — "There has been, is now, and always will be, a need for God to stir His people up to a sense of duty and responsibility," declared Reverend E.L. Brodie, in his sermon during the recent Special Session of the General Convention. He based his message on Isaiah 52:1, "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean".

Reverend Brodie pointed out that God calls to man to wake up from indifference, apathy and the sleep of do nothing. Men think that God is asleep, he said, but God is always awake. We think that God is asleep and often try to tell Him to wake up and get on the job. Man thinks that God is asleep because He does not give him everything he asks for, when he wants it. "It would never do for God to allow us to have everything we ask for", he continued, "for then we

would forget all about God".

But God wants us to first awake and hear His voice and begin to keep His statutes. When we have shown a sensitivity to His will, then God will know that we are serious about keeping His commandments and obeying His Divine will. "God wants us to put on His strength", he declared, and that strength is courage to do right, determination, hope, loyalty, and a mind made up to go all the way with Him.

"God wants us to put on His Beautiful Garment", he continued, "and that is actions of a child of God. We ought to behave like a child of God."

The sermon was full on inspiration, and encouraged the people to trust in God, and to awaken to a sense of who we are as God's chosen people. If we do that, he said, "we can go around with a smile instead of with our heads hanging down."

The Reverend Mr. Brodie is a resident of Louisburg, and is pastor of Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, Louisburg.

Shaw Opens Basketball Season

By CHARLES F. BLALOCK
Raleigh, N.C. — The Shaw University Basketball Bears will be one to be reckoned with this year. The Bears surprised everyone last season by winning their last three games, a must situation, and earning a berth in the CIAA tournament.

Coach James Farris, beginning his fifth year at the helm of the Bear five, says: "We have had a pretty good year in recruiting and we hope to shore up some of the deficiencies that we had last year." When asked to elaborate, he declined to go into detail.

Coach Farris unveiled his 1976-77 basketball team Friday night in their annual Maroon-White game, and some of the freshmen that he had recruited showed why he's looking forward to a good year.

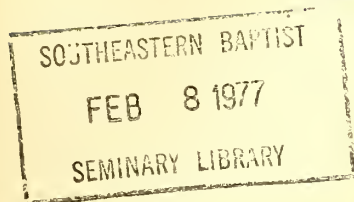
The nucleus of the Bear team from last year will be returned with eight lettermen returning. Leading the list of returnees is Andrew Richardson, an all-CIAA performer in 1974, all-CIAA Tournament team member for 1976, and a candidate for all-CIAA and all-America this season. The 6-5, 185 pound senior from Chicago average 17.3 ppg, 7.2 rebounds, and a .441 field goal percentage.

Also returning will be junior guard Joseph Moye, the leader in assists, steals, and averaging 16.5 points per game. Joe was an all CIAAer in 1975, with all prospects for repeating this year. The big man, Jake Rodgers, a 6-10, 200 pound junior from Raleigh is a much improved player, coming to his peak at the close of the 1975-76 campaign. Jake, who never played high school or organized basketball before coming to Shaw, started the Shaw comeback against Norfolk State with a 20 point, 16 rebound, three-blocked-shot performance. Coach Farris is hopeful that he can keep big Jake healthy and injury-free and continue to mold him into the type of bog man that's necessary to win college basketball games.

Also expected to play a big part in the Shaw success story this season is Mike Heard, a 6-7, 198 pound junior from Hickory, N.C. Mike was the 6th man last year and is destined for a starting role this year, with the ability to play both the forward and center positions.

The Bears begin their season this Friday, November 26, 1976, with a home game in Spaulding Gymnasium against Allen University at 8:00 p.m.

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The roots of North Carolina Baptists are deepened as Mrs. M.A. Horne breaks ground for a new library on the campus of the Lott Carey Mission Station in Brewerville, Liberia. Superintendent Jeremiah Walker, a product of Shaw University, is also standing in the foreground.

Sinking Deeper Roots Into African Soil

Brewerville, Liberia, West Africa — The West African Safari, November 21 — December 5, led by Mrs. M. A. Horne has aroused renewed interest in African missions. Fifty ministers and missionary women from many parts of North Carolina and five other states went on the tour. They returned with a deeper commitment to the Cause of Foreign Missions.

The full story of the African Tour is included inside this issue of the "Baptist Informer". North

Carolina Baptists have a long history of involvement and commitment to missionary efforts in Africa through the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

Changing political and economic conditions have made the work of missions increasingly more difficult in recent years. Even with these obstacles the North Carolina Baptists have continued to sink their roots deeper into the African soil.

GBSC Celebrates Birthday Of

A Most Distinguished American

Raleigh — "We are gathered here tonight to celebrate the Birthday of a most distinguished American . . . one who has done so much for so many". These are the words of Dr. Joy J. Johnson, as he called to order the Second Annual Banquet of the GBSC's Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday. The Banquet held at the Royal Villa Motor Inn in Raleigh, January 14, was attended by more than six hundred and fifty persons in a steady down pour of cold rain. The Banquet was addressed by an array of illustrious personalities, some of which are shown in photos in this issue.

The Tribute to Dr. King was given by Mr. Thomas Kee of Shaw University. It was eloquently done, and consisted of the final words of Dr. King before he was struck down by an assassin's bullet in Tennessee.

A dignified address delivered by Dr. O. L. Sherrill was the highlight of the evening. He spoke from the theme: "Some



Dr. O.L. Sherrill addressing the GBSC's Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Banquet as the featured speaker.

Marks of a Concerned Pastor". It was directed primarily toward the Honorees who received 50 year service awards.

In his discussion he pointed out that the marks of a concerned Pastor are first, love. Then he is humble in his assignment, a seeker after the Truth of God. He is patient like Job, because

patience is Power. "Above all," he declared, "he maintains his integrity".

The occasion was brought to a befitting conclusion by the presentation of Service Award Plaques to five GBSC pastors who have served 50 years.

The Plaques read as follows:
Service Award

To
S. R. Spencer
For 50 years of
Dedicated Service
in the Gospel Ministry
Presented by
The GBS Convention of N. C.
Dr. Joy J. Johnson
President
Dr. O. L. Sherrill
Executive Secretary
January 14, 1977

Others who received Plaques, but were not present, were: Reverend C. H. Hawkins of Salisbury, Reverend F. G. Lowery of Charlotte, and Reverend R. J. Davidson. Dr. J. A. White of Charlotte was present.

Church And State Joined As

Turner Appointed Party Vice-Chairman

Raleigh—Another victory for Baptists went on the score board when Governor Jim Hunt appointed Dr. E. Burns Turner as Vice-chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party. The appointment was announced last January prior to the gubernatorial inaugural ceremonies.

Dr. Turner stated in a recent interview that the Governor called him personally to request that he accept the vice-chairmanship. He became acquainted with the Governor during the recent campaign for the governorship. When asked about his feelings on the question of separation of church and state, Dr. Turner replied, "My involvement in the political life of our society today affords me an opportunity to do at least three things: (1) The Biblical prophets played a significant role in shaping the moral and spiritual life of their day. I feel that it is part of my calling to involve myself in what is going on and to try to give some moral and spiritual guidance to it. (2) It gives me a chance to preach to an element of society that I would otherwise have no opportunity to reach. I want to

preach every chance I get to let men know the power of Christ and His resurrection. (3) Most of all it gives me a chance to help my people, the Blacks . . . the underprivileged . . . secure some of the "abundant life" on earth".

He stated that he believes his appointment will prove to be a real asset to the Black Baptists as well as to countless others: Namely because it will open up a tremendous reservoir of

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Dr. E. Burns Turner and Mrs. Betty McCain swearing in at Highway Building, Raleigh, January 8, 1977.

February 15, 1977

Who's Who Deadline Announced

Raleigh — February 15, 1977 has been declared the absolute deadline for receiving patrons for the proposed publication of a Who's Who Among Baptists and Shawites.

Dr. Johnson, president of BGSC, announced at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet that the publication would be printed. He stated that all individuals who want to be included must meet the February 15 deadline.

It was announced last November that the publication of a Who's Who would be published by the GBSC in an effort to raise funds for the support of Shaw University. A

letter was also released with a description of pertinent information that should be sent in by applicants. The schedule of fees was included in the release, they were: \$125.00 for 1/4 page; 250.00 for 1/2 page, \$500.00 for a full page.

All applications should be sent to:

Who's Who Among N.C. Baptists and Shawites
603 South Wilmington Street
Raleigh, N.C. 27601

Application blanks may be secured by writing the same address. All Baptist churches, Associations, and pastors have been invited and urged to participate.

Correction !

The January 1977 issue of the "Baptist Informer" carried an article entitled, "Progressive Baptists Invade North Carolina". This should have been "National Baptist Convention of America". We deeply regret this error and hope that any misleading information will be corrected with this release.

The Editor

The President's Pen 'Banquet Fit For A King'

The Second Annual Banquet on Friday, January 14, honoring Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s birthday and Pastors with fifty years of Christian Service to the General Baptist State Convention was "Fit For A King". All things were ready except the weather. However, six hundred and fifty brave soldiers well dressed and groomed came in spite of the cold rain, sleet, snow and icy roads to enjoy a delightful meal and program.

Dr. C.C. Craig and the Raleigh Royal Villa caterers had everything in superb splendor with the charming hostesses headed by Mrs. J.B. McLester.

The organ dinner music by Brother Waverly Camp was excellent as usual. The spiritual soul searching selections by Sisters Georgia B. Guest and Hortense Fleming brought warmth and joy to everyone.

The reflections from the ob-

jectives by Mr. Thomas Kee, Reverend J.Z. Alexander, Dr. C.R. Edwards and Reverend Leo Williams were profound and eloquent.

Dr. O.L. Sherrill climaxed the occasion with a dynamic, dignified, and challenging message designed for the honorees. Only two of the honorees were present for the grand affair, Dr. J.A. White, Charlotte and Reverend S.R. Spencer, Raleigh. Both responded with gratitude and grace.

The curtains came down upon the 1977 Banquet with Tribute and recognition to a new ministry - Prison Chaplaincy with the first full time paid minister, Reverend Ernest Moore, by the General Baptist State Convention.

The 1978 Banquet expects to be the best ever.

Joseph P. Johnson
President

A Prayer For The President Of The U.S.

We pray, Lord Jesus, for our President. We are deeply concerned that he may know the will of God, and that he may have the spiritual courage and grace to follow it.

Deliver him, we pray, from self considerations.

Lift him above the claims of politics.

Save him from the friends who, in the name of politics or even friendship, would persuade him from that holy path.

Strengthen and empower his advisers. Bring them, too, to their knees in prayer. May their

example and their influence spread, that we, in these United States, may yet have a government of men who know Thee, the Almighty God, as their Lord, and who place Thy will first in their lives as well as in their prayers. Hear and answer, we pray Thee forgiving us all unworthiness; cleansing us from every ignoble thought and selfish ambition that we may be renewed in spirit and mind and heart, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

From the "Prayers of Peter Marshall".

Regional Workshop Announced

By Reverend Leo Williams

Raleigh — Thus far the Regional Workshops held have been a success. We are grateful for your cooperation and support. Those who attended were greatly benefitted.

All pastors, moderators, and Baptist leaders are urged to have the members of the organization's which you lead in attendance at the following Regional Workshops in February:

Region IX: Counties: Beaufort, Hyde, Craven, Jones,

Carteret, Pamlico, Martin, Washington and Tyrell.

January 31 - St. John, New Bern, Reverend J.S. Moore and Tuesday,

February 1 - St. Reddick, Belhaven, Don C. Morgan.

Region X: Counties: Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Bertie, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck.

The only workshop scheduled for this area will be held at First Baptist, February 25, Rich Square, Reverend C.C. Lawrence pastor.

For if ye forgive me their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

Matthew 6:14



Rev. E. L. Daye

A Tribute To

Mrs. Roberta Ward, Editor Missionary Helper WBH & FMC

Raleigh - The Baptists of North Carolina and elsewhere paused in silent and reverent respect, Friday, January 21 to pay tribute to the late Mrs. Roberta Gore Ward. Mrs. Ward departed this life, Tuesday, January 18, 1977 at the Wake Medical Center, Raleigh. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Charles W. Ward, pastor of Raleigh's First Baptist Church, and one son, Charles Winfred Ward, Jr. Mrs. Ward was a native of LaGrange, Georgia.

The Wards have been in North Carolina approximately eighteen years as the pastoral family at the First Baptist Church. In 1962 Mrs. Ward became the co-editor of the Missionary Helper of WBH&FMC. When Dr. Ellen Alston became unable to serve as Editor of the Helper, Mrs. Ward was elected to the editorship. She served faithfully

as Editor of the Helper until her passing. In addition to her task as Editor of the Helper, she was a Sunday School teacher for the past twelve years at First Baptist Church. She also served as Director of the Young Adult Department of the Missionary Department of the First Baptist Church.

The Baptist women of North Carolina will long remember

this dedicated soul who moved so efficiently and quietly among the rank and file of the Woman's Convention. She served many years as a member of the Executive Board of the WBH&FMC and contributed untold amounts of guidance and inspiration to countless souls.

Condolences may be sent to Dr. Charles Ward, 500 Beberly Drive, Raleigh, N. C. 27610.

Letter From The Foreign Field

Beloved Mrs. M.A. Horne and Her Christian Team

Our Dear Christian Friends:

We greet you all in the beloved Name of Jesus and wish you safe journey home. Your visit to Nigeria was a pleasant surprise for since we received no confirmation of your arrival we thought your coming was most uncertain. We are very grateful to God, our Father for bringing you to us safe that day.

Our needs which are many and pressing include the most important one namely, spiritual inspiration which your visit supplied in all particular. We have never had any previous occasion where we had been so spiritually inspired. God bless you and your team.

The Church in which you all found us is still in the making. The floor, the walls, the ceilings

and chairs call for funds. Any financial assistance either from a member of members of the team or the entire Organization would be appreciated.

I am making an application through you and or members of our Team to assist me to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from one of the Institutions with which you are intimately connected. I recall one of the members of the Team heads a Seminary. I feel I deserve it and it is time for me to have one.

God bless you all and give you long life.

Yours in the name of Jesus,
Charles E. Ebong,
Superintendent
Wendell Baptist Mission
Nigeria, W. Africa



Mrs. Roberta G. Ward

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Band where American currency was exchanged for African currency. (Story Page 4)

GBSC Commended By Chaplain Walker

Raleigh — There was a hearty round of applause during the GBSC'S Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration last January 14, when the Convention's leaders were commended for their efforts in prison ministry. Chaplain R. A. L. Walker, Director of Chaplaincy Services North Carolina Division of Prisons, stated that: "Ernest's installation at Polk Youth Center is a unique and innovative partnership between church and state". Chaplain Ernest B. Moore had been installed at Polk Youth Center earlier in the day.

The General Baptist State Convention under the leadership of Dr. Joy J. Johnson of Fairmont took the initiative to help meet some long neglected needs of prison ministry in October 1974. Dr. Johnson is well known among black Baptists and throughout the nation as a statesman, Philanthropist, and

churchman.

After a nationwide search, Chaplain Moore was selected unanimously a joint committee of Polk Youth Center officials and General Baptist Convention leaders. He began his ministry at Polk Youth Center on July 1, 1976.

Chaplain Moore is a native of Bertie County and 1971 graduate of Shaw University. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton, Massachusetts in 1974.

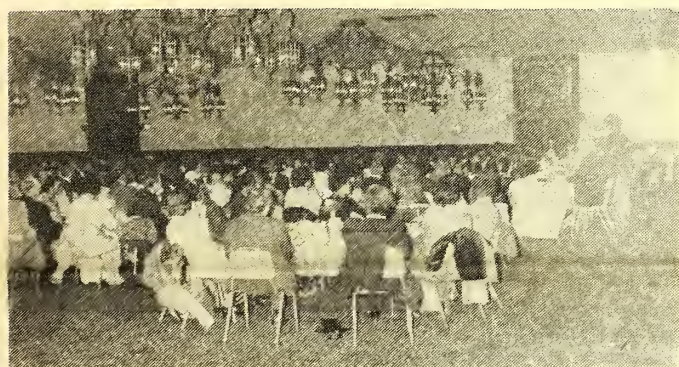
Dr. Johnson in outlining this program for the General Baptist Convention said, "The chaplain can be the missing link between the prisoner and the pastor".

"Prison ministry was a major emphasis of the Master. An emphasis we've neglected too long," Dr. Johnson wrote in a message to 350,000 members of the Convention's churches.



Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Sect. GBSC, Dr. J.J. Johnson, Chaplain R.A.L. Walker, In back: Chaplain Ernest B. Moore.

Other Banquet Scenes



Six hundred and fifty enjoy the GBSC'S Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Banquet.



Left to right, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Rev. S.R. Spencer, Dr. H.S. Diggs, Mrs. J.B. McLester, Dr. C.W. Ward, Dr. J.A. White, and Dr. J.J. Johnson. Plaques were presented for 50 years of Service to the General Baptist State Convention.



GBSC'S Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Banquet receives greetings from Dr. Cecil A. Ray, General Secretary - Treasurer, Baptist State Convention. Seated: Left, Dr. C.C. Craig, standing left, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, standing at podium, Cecil Ray; standing right, Dr. Joy J. Johnson; seated, Mrs. Joy J. Johnson, and Dr. C.R. Edwards.



Hostesses for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet were: Mrs. J.B. McLester, President of WBH&FMC; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton; Mrs. Georgia Turner; Mrs. Hallie Mitchell; Mrs. H.L. Mitchell; Mrs. Barbara Kelly; Mrs. Dorothy Okeke; Mrs. Nannie Lyons; Mrs. Eva Pratt; Mrs. Georgia Crossland; Mrs. Caroly Blount, Mrs. Johnnie Belk; Mrs. Nettie Dunn; Mrs. Helen Spann; Mrs. Cynthia Cunningham; Mrs. Etta McKee; Mrs. Hazel McLean; Mrs. Willie Lee; Mrs. Lucy Watson, Mrs. Novella Whitted; and Mrs. Yvonne Furgenson.

Plans Church Denies Membership To King

PLAINS, Ga. (BP) — Black activist minister Clennon King, another black man and a white woman — all out - of - town residents — were denied membership in Jimmy Carter's home congregation here by unanimous votes of both the church's membership watchcare committee and the congregation.

The congregation's vote, on Sunday, Jan. 9, came about two months after Plains Baptist Church, confronted by the application of King, a non - denominational minister from Albany, Ga., voted to drop all racial barriers, name a wat-

chcare committee to rule on membership requests, and retain Pastor Bruce Edwards, who had vigorously urged racial openness.

The other two refused membership were Austin Black, a black, and Charlotte Weinberger, white, both from Los Angeles. No action was taken on the membership request of another person, Mrs. Randy Coleman, a white and wife of an employee of President - elect Carter's brother, Billy, because she had not yet had the opportunity to meet with the watchcare committee.

Church leaders said any non -

member, including King, is welcome to attend services and that the vote had nothing to do with race.

They cited three reasons for refusing King: 1. he had not complied with, nor even acknowledged, an invitation to meet with the membership committee; 2. he had not shown a willingness to cooperate with the membership in carrying out the goals and objectives of the church; and 3. it would be difficult for him to carry out the spirit of the church covenant because of the distance of his residence.

Africa: As I See It

By Mrs. M. A. Horne

Liberia, West Africa — On November 21, 1976 fifty (50) Ministers and Missionary Workers representing six states embarked on a fourteen day Spiritual Safari to Nigeria and Liberia, West Africa with the purpose of observing our work and the growth of Africa.

1964 — 1976

My first visit to Africa (23 days) was in 1964.

My second visit to Africa (8 days) was in 1972.

My third visit to Africa (14 days) was in 1976.

We visited our Mission

Stations in Nigeria and Liberia — "AS I SEE IT" — The Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention under the dynamic and dedicated leadership of our own Executive Dr. Wendell C. Somerville has made outstanding progress in all fields of endeavor.

In 1964 I can recall two (2) buildings on our campus at the Uyo Mission, Nigeria. Today there are several buildings. Dr.

Charles Ebong is the efficient Superintendent of our Mission Station.

More than four thousand

(4,000) natives dressed in white (men, women and youth) waited all Saturday night to greet us for service on Sunday. In this large church there were no windows, there were no doors, no musical instruments, no pulpit, no loud speakers, no floors, no shoes "And No Room". Many were outside trying to hear and see. Only the Holy Spirit had room. Dr. O. L. Sherrill delivered the morning message entitled "Laborers Together With God". The natives sang, shouted and praised the Lord as Dr. Ebong interpreted Dr. Sherrill's well prepared and well delivered message. The group left an offering of \$430.00 at the Mission.

In Brewerville, Liberia, the Lott Carey Mission Station under the capable leadership of our own Jeremiah Walker, a product of Shaw University has grown tremendously. The buildings are well kept, the campus church is remodeled. The girls and boys dormitories have been remodeled and in good condition. The dormitories were closed because school was not in session, therefore, we cannot say what was on the inside of these buildings relative to sheets and spreads. We visited the Minnie C. Lyon Guest Home where the teachers live. This home was well kept.

Since the Lott Carey Women Auxiliary has as its project — Bibles and Hymnals for our

campus church and School in Brewerville — I did not anticipate finding Bibles on our campus. Neither did I go to Africa expecting Africa to measure up to my country (a land of plenty) The Tour group left over 100 Bibles and \$500.00 cash for needed items.

I saw the need for a Library on our campus — A GREAT NEED. Since Foreign Mission is one of our major objectives, I trust and pray the women of North Carolina through their local churches and pastors will put forth a concerted effort to give \$25,000.00 for this worthy Cause.

—"AS I SEE IT"—

Women in Africa are in the role of leadership. Women are instructors in our schools, churches, bank cashiers, airplane stewardesses, etc.

IS THIS LEADERSHIP?

...The Moral Condition in Africa is no worse than the Moral Condition in our country and North Carolina particular. Sin is everywhere. To detect the Moral Condition of a Country, one would need to be there more than a few days.

...The accommodations were good (Africa). The Food excellent.

Dr. Wendell C. Somerville

Dr. Somerville is to be commended for his Spiritual insight to our Foreign neighbors. He has led this Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention to renown heights — "I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day. I would rather one should walk with me than merely show the way. Lott Carey Supporters, Arise Let Us Go Hence."



Sitting: Mrs. M.A. Horne and Mrs. Margarie Dunn. Standing missionary women from across the state.



Executive Secretary Horne standing with Superintendent Ebong of the Somerville Mission in Nigeria, W. Africa, and other dignitaries.

Bibles Sent To Africa

Mrs. M.A. Horne

Raleigh — The following persons have donated Bibles for the missionary work of the Baptists in Africa: Mrs. Rosa Johnson, 2 Bibles; Mrs. Annie L. Younger & Friend, 24 Bibles and four Hymnals; Mrs. Virginia Brown, five Bibles; Mrs. Juanita Roberts, fourteen Bibles; Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., eight.

From Brooklyn, New York

Mesdames Juanity Roberts, Eliza Bell, Janet Mathurin, Lillian Williams, Augusta Tucker, Harrigan, Scott, Matha Jakes, Mr. Ronald Cumbo, and Josephine Roberts. All members of the Tour Group carried one or two Bibles each.

Finance for Bibles

Mrs. M.A. Horne, Winston Salem, \$72.00;

Zion Memorial, Mrs. Annie Rorie, Winston - Salem, \$20.00;

Greater Brandon Chapel, Mrs. Marie Barksdale, Va., \$25.00;

Mr. J.D. Hinton, Raleigh, \$5.00;

Mrs. Annie Younger, Nathalie, Va., \$48.50;

First Baptist, Mrs. Mabel Wooten, Winston Salem, \$72.00;

Mrs. Birdie E. Moore, Winston Salem, \$20.00;

Dan River Bethel, Mrs. Hattie Farmer, S. Boston, Va., \$10.00;

Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Raleigh, \$5.00;

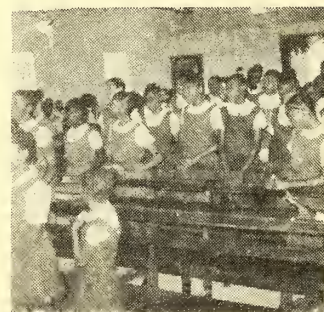
Mrs. Ivery Williamson, Raleigh, \$5.00;

Dr. W.B. Lewis, First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh, \$12.00;

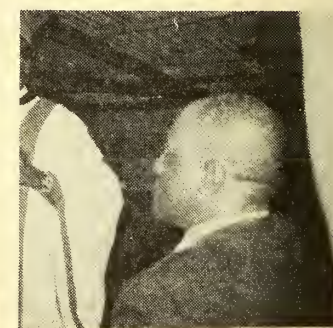
TOTAL: \$294.50



Convention Officials and North Carolina pastors on African Tour, November 21 - December 5, 1976. From left to right, bottom row: Dr. J. Ray Butler, Chairman, General Board, Winston Salem; Dr. J. J. Johnson, President, General Baptist State Convention, Fairmont; Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Winston Salem; Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention, Raleigh; Standing: Left to right, Reverend A.C. Jones, First Baptist, Bladenboro; Dr. J.C. Harris, First Baptist, Statesville; Dr. C.R. Mosley, Nazareth First Baptist, Asheville; Reverend Aaron Johnson, Mt. Sinai, Fayetteville; Reverend J.M. Dunham, Hilly Branch, Lumberton; and Dr. S.A. Raper, Mt. Calvary, Shelby.



African children shown inside campus church in Brewerville singing Christian songs.



Dr. O.L. Sherrill preaching as Superintendent Ebong interprets to the congregation. Thousands were present.



Part of the African Tour Group.

WOMAN'S PAGE

Auditorium Filled To Capacity As

Baptist Women Accept New Challenge

By Thelma C. Horton

Raleigh — The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., accepted a new challenge during its 24th Mid-Year Session at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, Saturday, January 8, with President J. B. McLester, Durham, presiding.

Some 2,000 senior, Young Adults and Youth attended the session amid the freezing weather and reported over \$8,000.00 for State Missions. Many of them heard Mrs. M. A. Horne, the efficient Executive Secretary-Treasurer of Winston Salem and Raleigh, report on her recent "Spiritual Tour" to West Africa, which included fifty ministers and missionaries. She stated that the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, USA, had asked the Woman's Convention in N. C. to accept a project in Africa by underwriting the cost of \$25,000.00. She stressed the urgency for this Library so that our students could keep abreast with their high school requirements. Therefore, in keeping with the theme, "Arise, Let Us Go Hence", (John 14:21) all missionary circles have been requested to give a specific amount by April 1, 1977, through the Woman's Convention office (Box 1818, Raleigh, N. C. 27601). A plaque with the name of the contributing circle, its president and pastor will be placed in the Library in Africa upon its completion.

President McLester greeted the Convention following a spirit-filled devotion led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Durham. She expressed her appreciation to those who included her in their programs of "Awareness". She said that the "Bicentennial Theme, 'A Past to Remember - A Future to Mold' is beautiful because it sets forth the challenge for us to analyze our Baptist theme "Christian Women, Living the Responsible Life". "Our question to our-

selves is: 'How can I live responsibly today without regard for the past and the future consequences?' "Today's challenges", she continued, "becomes tomorrow's consequences; of which we are challenged to be aware".

She appealed for assistance in carrying out several efforts through her "Task Force On Awareness". The proposal was presented in three phases, namely: (1) Activation of a state-wide program of recognition for Miss Minnie C. Lyons who spent thirty years in West Africa as a Missionary nurse. (2) A survey (written or oral) of thirty persons of mixed age levels (the questionnaires may be obtained from President McLester) and (3) Sponsor an Awareness Program, Conference or Retreat which may include: (a) Ten hour mini-institutes with credit from the Woman's Convention office at Institute level, (b) a two hour program based on one or more consultants, well versed in both secular and Christian Education to include questions based on the survey team.

In closing, she urged the delegates to join her in meeting a human need by starting a relevant new order of progressive involvement, to build a total Christian involvement, to build a total Christian community. We build, she continued, through this task force on awareness, an attitude of a return to "His Way of Life", which includes Faith, Hope and Love. "Tomorrow starts today!"

Greetings were extended by many outstanding personalities. Among them were Dr. J. J. Johnson, president of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., and Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. They expressed their appreciation to the delegates for their loyal and continued support for the objectives. Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Instructor, Shaw Divinity School, spoke about the programs of continuing education and urged the



Messengers to the Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Saturday, January 8.

group to support Shaw University and the Divinity School.

The lower level of the Auditorium housed the Young Adult Department and one must admit that they got off to a good start with a spiritual awakening conducted by Ms. Ruth Smith. Their illustrious and vivacious Directress, Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels of Winston Salem, greeted the young adults, some mothers and fathers with their babies, with praise and thanksgiving for a year of progress.

Miss Natalie Mitchell, Redsville, in her quiet, yet, confident manner, presided with dignity. She was the narrator for their special feature, "Standing at the Cross-Roads". In the midst of tears and praises to God, Donald Crawford, Darlene Eaves, Louise Gause, Sharon Jones, Julia McDonald, and Linda Triplin shared their experiences on Temptation, Despair, Love, Joy, Peace, Decision, Fear and Anxiety, and

Indecision. This was truly a spirit-filled session, a time of renewal, commitment and rededication.

Mrs. Eva Pratt, Durham, was appointed as Acting Editor of the Missionary Helper, a missionary devotion book, published quarterly by the Woman's Convention. She is also the Supervisor for the Youth Department. Miss Elizabeth Brooks, Gastonia, reported that there was standing room only in the church on the campus of Shaw University, despite the cold, cold weather where the youth engaged in their business. In addition to the many things they discussed, they discussed two new projects and accepted the challenge to raise funds for each of them. Project 77's proceeds will be used to help build the Library in West Africa and the Minnie C. Lyons' Appreciation Day will honor Miss Lyons, now residing in Durham. Guidelines for these may be secured from the office.

Reverend John Daniels, Superintendent of the Baptist

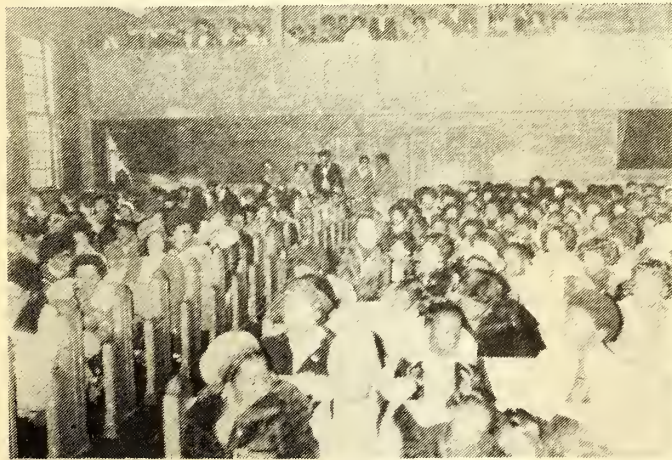
Assembly, introduced Reverend R. L. Milhouse, pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Laurinburg, as an energetic and youthful pastor with a message from the Lord. Speaking from the subject, "A Well, A Woman and a World", he challenged the group to follow the convention theme, "Arise, Let Us Go Hence and tell the world that Jesus has come to forgive our sins and to satisfy our longing souls".

As the Session came to a close, many testified that they had heard the cry of those in need on the Foreign Mission Field, Central Orphanage, in the back alleys and slum areas, Anywhere, USA, and the World. They accepted the challenge to do their best to alleviate the conditions that Christ was concerned about - all mankind, everywhere.

Executive Secretary Horne made a financial appeal for the hungry people of the world: \$803.45 was received for this project.



Reverend R.L. Milhouse, pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Laurinburg, Delivering the message to the Mid Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention.



The Youth Department meeting in the campus Church at Shaw University during Mid-Year Session of Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Saturday, January 8. Mrs. Eva Pratt (not shown) is supervisor for the Department. Miss Elizabeth Brooks, Gastonia, is the president.



Young Adult Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention in Mid-Year Session, Saturday, January 8. Presiding is President, Miss Natalie Mitchell of Redsville, First Baptist Church; other officers: Sec. Altonza McNair, Mt. Vernon, Durham; 2nd Vice President, Darlene Eaves, Friendship, Gastonia; Fin. Sect., Louise Gause, Pleasant Grove, Brunswick County; Organist, Donald Crawford, Mt. Hebrew, Gastonia; 4th Vice - Pres., Sharon Souls, First Baptist, Davison County; 3rd Vice Pres., Alice McClain, Antioch, Monroe; Ruth Smith, Program Coordinator, First Baptist, Fayetteville, Ellen Johnson, Assist. Fin. Sect.; Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte.

Laymen's Corner

February, 1977

The Laymen League sees the need of relating, in a programmatic way, to boys and young men of our church. We are deeply conscious of the drop-out rate of young men in our church after the age of 15 or better. We think that this is due to a lack of a real program geared to their psychological and emotional nature and one in which they can best function.

We are also conscious of the fact that boys at an early age need a male image so as to bring out the masculine qualities built within his nature. Therefore, a clean, wholesome, Christian program is needed for their development. They also need to know and relate to our own leaders and heroes. In the Baptist church we don't need to go far to find that strong leadership to which they can aspire and relate. The following program has been projected for our boys and young men: Program Title: The Baptist Martin Luther King Boys and Youth League (formerly the Royal Ambassadors).

Organizational
Break-down

Title; Ages:

The Baptist E. B. Turner League, 6-8;

The Baptist Lott Carey League, 9-11;

The Baptist Somerville League, 12-14;

The Baptist O. L. Sherrill League, 15-18;

J. J. Johnson Young Adult League 18 and up.

We endeavor to shorten the titles, but we couldn't do so without destroying the images of the church heroes, and the Laymen League.

The Study Commission desires to perpetuate the heroic services and images of leaders who have done so much for the Cause of Christ through the Baptist churches.

This is one of our projected goals as Laymen to work toward this effort. It is a new beginning for us and we look forward to a full development of this program. A rough-draft of our new Laymen's Handbook has been prepared and it contains a comprehensive study of our young men and boys' program along with the basic structure of the Laymen's League. Pray for us that we may continue to work toward this goal with a positive.

Calendar Of Events

February 1977

Feb. 26 — State One Day Session of Ushers Convention

Feb. 28 — Second Baptist, Fayetteville 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 1 — Hilly Branch, Lumberton, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 2 — Silver Grove, Raeford, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 3 — Mt. Zion, Albemarle, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 4 — Ebenezer, Wadesboro, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 7 — Mt. Calvary, Shelby, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 8 — Friendship, Gastonia, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 9 — Greater Mt. Sinai, Charlotte, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 10 — St. John, Statesville, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 11 — First Calvary, Salisbury, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 14 — First Baptist, Lumberton, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

March 15 — New Damascus, Wilkesboro, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 16 — Liberty Grove, Taylorsville, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 17 — Mt. Pilgrim, Lenoir, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

March 18 — Friendship, Hickory, 4:00-9:00 p.m.

April 15-16 — One Day Session of Laymen's League, Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N. C.

Executive Board 9:00 p.m.

April 15

General Session 9:30 a.m. - April 16

Make Your
Plans Now!!!

Watch out for the final plans to the Laymen's Banquet the last of April.

Keep these dates at hand and Pass the Word on so that everyone can come and tell their problems (what works and what doesn't work), also, come and learn and take information back home.

Our special emphasis for

Why Good Church Music?

Music is at the very heart of the universe. Harmony is inherent in the scheme of things. It is one of the responsibilities of the church to instill in its members a love of this harmony. A singing church is a church which is reaching people through the most basic means of communication... music.

Everywhere in the Bible there are references to the importance of music both in everyday life and in the performance of worship. The musician who performed in the choir and orchestra in the days of Solomon and David were highly skilled, and were paid from the same treasury from which the priests received their pay. Because the Bible set such high standards for music, it behooves us to see that none but the best music be sung and played in our churches today.

It was once said that "Unless music has something to contribute to worship, it is useless and may become actually harmful. It is better to have no music than the wrong kind of poorly presented music."

Many people mistakenly, I believe, think that gospel singing on the radio, television, and in the concert halls is a fine thing. The emphasis, however, in these performances is on showmanship and pleasure rather than on any true worship of God. There is no inspirational content. It is a form of the graven images about which the Bible warns us again and again about.

In recent years, proposals have been made, and in some instances adopted that jazz is primitive and dedicated to the worship of pagan gods. I do not believe it has a place in Christian worship. Religion

should not be made easy for people. It requires effort and understanding; therefore, the music involved in that religion should ask something of the worshipper, should uplift and enable him.

That does not mean, that the church music should always be solemn, the true believer rejoices in his religion and wants to express that joy in his religion and wants to express that joy in song.

Music has become an increasingly important part of life. It is easily available on radio, television and through recordings and tapes. Because people are so accustomed to what is good in secular music, sacred music must maintain standards which compare favorably or better. This requires effective organization of all forces which

go to make up a good musical program for the worship, educational, and evangelistic phases of church life.

Waverly Camp, Jr.,
Secretary of Church Music

For some innovative ideas concerning "Church Music" please write Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601. Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr.

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Obscenity Issue Again Before Supreme Court

WASHINGTON(BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court will make a new effort to help the states determine what constitutes obscenity, according to a brief order released here.

Federal and state courts have been deluged during the past few years with appeals of convictions for displaying, distributing, and selling allegedly obscene motion pictures and printed materials.

Since 1973, the courts have been guided primarily by the Supreme Court's ruling in Miller v. California, a case which established that local communities must have discretion

in defining what is obscene.

In addition, Miller set up three guidelines to help the courts define obscenity: (1) "Whether 'the average person, applying contemporary standards' would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest...;" (2) "Whether the obscene materials from patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law," and (3) "Whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic political, or scientific value."

The new case now before the
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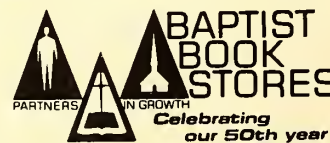
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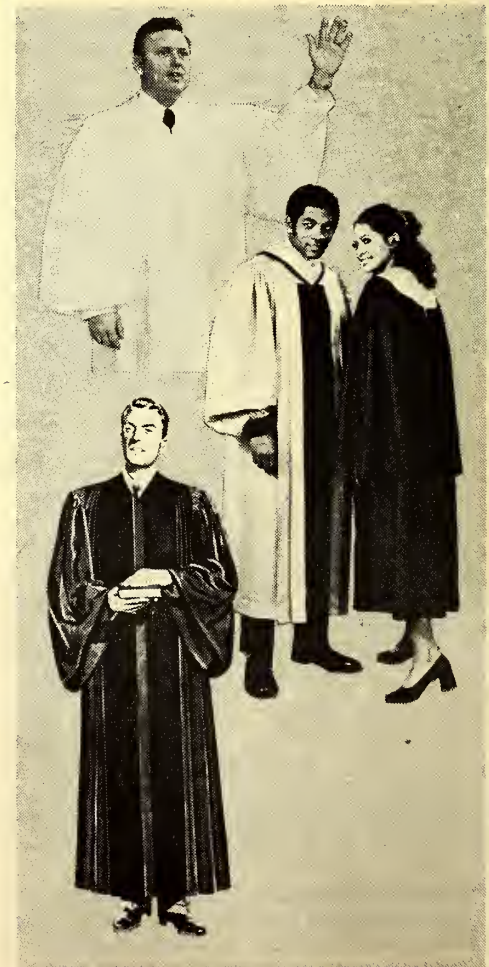
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Central Orphanage 'Hears The Cries Of The Poor'

Oxford — (Editor's note: This article concerning the Central Orphanage of North Carolina, is the third in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention. All Baptists, Departments, Auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to Secure financial support for That objective, during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program).

He That Stoppeth His Ears

In Proverbs 21:13 we read: "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard".

Perhaps many of our readers will recall occasions in their childhood days when they placed their hands over their ears, to show indifference to the unkind taunts of a playmate. Stopping up one's ears, in effect says: "I do not intend to hear you and furthermore, I am not concerned about what you are saying." In child play, stopping the ears may be insignificant; but when an adult "stops his ears" to the call of duty and responsibility, the results can be quite consequential and ever fatal.

The Biblical writer of the above scripture, laid his finger on one of man's greatest moral

evils when he penned that verse ... "man's indifference to the suffering of this fellowman." No doubt the writer had walked the streets and by-ways of his country, and had heard the constant cry of the poor and needy coming from every direction. His heart was moved with compassion because he was sensitive to God's call in their voice. Then on the other hand he saw many who literally "stopped their ears" so that they could not hear these calls of distress. In their selfish pursuits, they had become indifferent to the needs of others. It is all too often true that the more one gets the more he wants.

But the Biblical writer brought the Truth of God home to them. He proclaimed that "whatsoever you sow you shall also reap". This was not only true in the days of King Solomon, it is as true today as it was then. The word of God is unchanging.

Many people today are indifferent to the needs of others, even their own children. They do not hear their cry for acceptance, love, and understanding. Their ears are stopped with the noise of their own self-gratification. They not only have nothing to give to the physical needs of their fellowman; Neither do they have anything emotionally, mentally, nor spiritually to give. Therefore, we have countless

numbers crying out in our land today for love, for acceptance, for understanding ... But their cry falls upon deaf ears because their own ears have been stopped.

The tragedy of modern society is, that spiritual blindness prevents untold numbers from recognizing the chickens that have hatched from the eggs they have laid. Indifference to needs of others is one of mankind's oldest diseases.

Thanks be to God! The new birth in Jesus Christ gives "sight to the blind" so that they can see, and "ears to the deaf" so that they can hear. This is the reason the workers and staff members of Central Orphanage feel so good about their work. Their "ears are open to the cry of the poor."

The staff and workers at Central Orphanage are not the only ones who feel good about the things that are going on there: Everyone who gives through the Unified Plan feels good about it. Many of the contributors to the Cause of Jesus Christ through the Unified Program, have cried unto God and He has heard them because their ears are open to the cries of the poor. Others have prayed in vain because of the Word of God promises... "Whoso stoppeth his ears to the cry to the poor, he also shall cry himself, but not be heard. This is the principle that has kept the fire of love burning

warm and strong at Central Orphanage.

News From Central Orphanage

Miss Carnell Windley, a recent graduate of St. Augustines College, has joined our staff as Houseparent Counselor.

She is very helpful in coordinating working relationships between the Orphanage and the various schools which our children attend. She is also organizing a tutoring program to benefit the girls and boys who need special work to overcome deficiencies. Children at Central Orphanage attend schools of the local school system, and they often need special attention when transferring from systems in other areas of the state.

The Reverend Kay - Robert Volkwijn, a local minister, is working with the children as religious counselor. With assistance from staff - members Reverend Volkwijn leads discussion groups to create better understanding of Biblical history. He is developing a program that will make religion more meaningful part of the individual's life.

"Christmas Gifts"

The children and staff appreciate the interest of many friends who opened their homes to the girls and boys during the Christmas Holidays. Many children who could not spend Christmas with relatives were able to visit in homes during the vacation period.

We also thank many groups who sponsored parties on our campus, as well as away, to make this really a joyous season.

Perfection

The highlight of the past several months occurred when

the twelve youngest girls moved into Cottage No. 3 on January 8, 1977. This is the newest of the living units to be completed at the Orphanage in the past few years. When we asked one of the little girls how things were going since the move, her reply was, "Perfect". There are still many little odds and ends to be completed before things are straight, but the children are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to live in this home-like setting.

We are sure that all of our friends, especially those throughout the Baptist community of North Carolina, will be proud of the important part you are taking in the completion of this facility.

Choir

Our Choir, the "Travelettes" visited many churches around the state, where they have been cordially entertained as they presented their program of music.

The children enjoyed participating on two television programs recently, we received commendations on both performances. The first experience was on "Black Unlimited" directed by Wanda Garret, Channel 11. The second engagement was on "Ebony Exposure" directed by Audrey Kates, Channel 4.

Future Development

Now that the cottages for girls have become reality, we must direct our attention to repalcing the outdated building used by the younger boys. Within the next year we hope to begin the first residence for boys. These youngsters have patiently watched the girls moving into their new homes, awaiting their turn for getting into a more home-like situation.

Shaw Divinity School Observes Fourth Annual Pastor's Conference

Raleigh — The Shaw Divinity School will observe its Fourth Annual Pastor's Conference, March 21-23, 1977 at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. Registration for the conference will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21 and the Conference will end near noon on Wednesday, March 23. Registration for all sessions of the Conference will be held in the Shaw University Church. The cost of registration is \$25.00.

The theme of the 1977 conference is, "An Examination of the Roots of Religious Resurgence in America." The

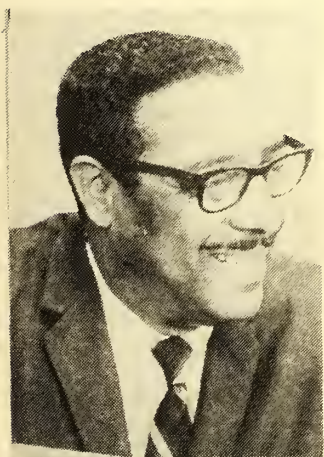
service of three outstanding pastors and - or educators have been secured.

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor will be Conference Preacher. Dr. Proctor is Senior Minister in the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City, and Professor of Education, Graduate School of Education (Martin Luther King Memorial Chair), Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Dr. Proctor will deliver sermons on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 21 and 22, at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Charles B. Copher will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Copher is Vice President for Academic Affairs at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Copher will deliver two lectures on the theme entitled, "The Roots of Biblical Religion." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, March 22, at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

Dr. Robert Williams will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Williams is Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Williams will deliver two lectures on the Conference Theme, "An Examination of the Roots of Religious Resurgence in America". Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, March 22, at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. On Wednesday, March 23,

1977, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Dr. Copher and Dr. Williams will give summation statements consisting of a Review of the salient accents of their lectures. Question and answer periods will follow all lectures and the summation session. Dr. Copher will also preach for the Shaw Theological Alumni's Annual Theological Convocation on Wednesday, March 23, 1977, at 11:30 a.m. The Shaw Theological Alumni Association observes its Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Pastor's Conference.



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Reinforces Pastor's Study Tour

New Bern — The light of Christian Truth will shine a little brighter at the St. John Baptist Church in New Bern when Pastor James S. Moore returns from his study tour of the Holy lands. It was learned recently that Reverend Moore, a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, will make the tour February 22 - March 3rd. He is enrolled in the Master of Divinity and is scheduled to graduate in May of this year.

The Tour is being made possible for Reverend Moore because the members of his congregation at St. John and friends, have reinforced him by paying approximately one half of the cost of the tour. This is an inspiring example of pastor and people working together to make the work of Kingdom building more effective. The St. John Church is to be commended for its fine spirit of Christian Stewardship; and pastor Moore is to be commended for wanting to equip himself to do a more excellent job for Christ.

Reverend Moore has been pastor of St. John since July of 1976. The church is one hundred



Rev. James Moore

and eleven years old and is the mother church of several of the churches in the surrounding area.

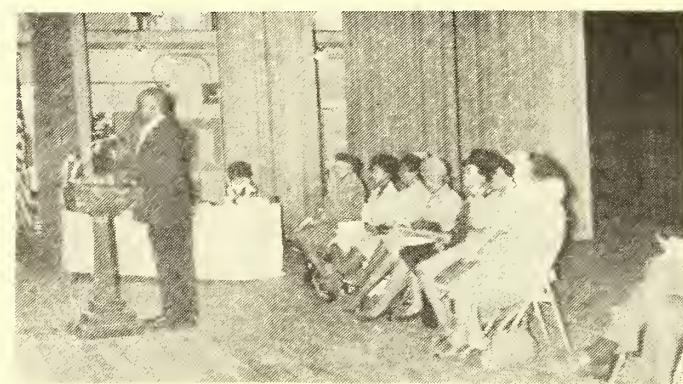
The Reverend Mr. Moore is a native of Havelock, N.C. and is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University, B.S., 1968. He has been in the active ministry for approximately three years. He is married to Subier Stencil, and they are the parents of two lovely children, Derrick and Twylag.

The Tour is a part of the course, "Tour of Holy Lands", taught at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, by Dr. Elmo B. Scaggins. The course is a 3 hour credit course towards the Master of Divinity Degree.

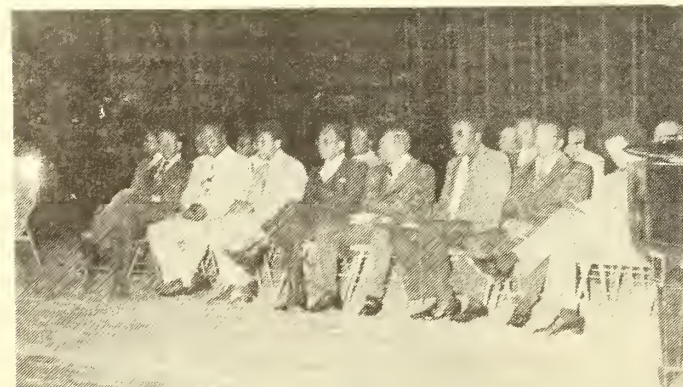
Mid-Year Session Scenes



President Johnson addressing the Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Saturday, January 8, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.



Executive Secretary O.L. Sherrill addressing the Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Saturday, January 8, Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.



group of pastors who attended the Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, Saturday, January 8.

Evangelism Conference

Raleigh — The 31st State-wide Evangelism Conference, sponsored by the Evangelism Department of the Baptist State Convention will be held February 7-9, 1977. The conference will convene at the War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, N.C.

The Program Personnel include: Dr. William J. Shaw, Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church, (Black) Phila, Pa.; Mr. W.F. Woodall is honorary



Rev. Wm. J. Shaw

chairman; The Reverend Jimmy Allen, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas; The Reverend Kenneth L. Chafin, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, The Reverend William M. Hinson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; The Reverend John A. Huffman, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg, Pa.; and Dr. Cecil A. Ray, General; Secretary - Treasurer, Baptist State Convention.

Hymn Of The Month

"Lift Every Voice
And Sing"

The hymn should be presented in the following manner: Places: (1) Church worship service; (2) Sunday Schools; (3) B.T.U.; (4) Public meetings, etc.

A. Research and read the story of composer and hymn.

B. Have musician play through to familiarize the congregation with tune (preferably the key of G major is more singable).

Read words.

D. Sing through the verses with choir and congregation.

This song will be very appropriate for the month of February because of Negro History Week. The congregation should always stand on the Negro National Anthem.

Please keep these goals in mind when developing or using the "Hymn of the Month" idea

(1) It should create congregation participation, an act of worship.

(2) Develop a larger supply of hymns to use as congregation singing.

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as songs and hymns relate to the Christian faith.

Good Luck !!!

Next month: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

+Note - Please write and comment on the "Hymn of the Month" idea. We welcome your

comments and suggestions.

Waverly Camp, Jr.,
Secretary of Church Music

Lift Every Voice
And Sing

Lift Every Voice and Sing was written by the noted Negro poet and civil rights leader, James Weldon Johnson. It was originally intended for use in a program given by a group of Jacksonville, Florida school-children to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. Inasmuch as its words tend to convey a sense of birthright and heritage, it is often referred to as the Negro National Anthem, and sung at the opening of various public gatherings.

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died

Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which

our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,

We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee,

Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand,
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Turner

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knowledge. His only ambition is to get more Blacks into state government.

In regard to the Hunt administration, Dr. Turner, believes that it is a new beginning for the State of North Carolina. "There will be more fairness" he declared. "There is quite a bit of idealism in this administration, but any leader needs to aim high in order to bring about needed changes. Yes, it is good to be idealistic, I believe that it will be good for our State". Dr. Turner is also pleased with the appointment of Howard Lee to the Department of Human Resources, and feels that Lee will do a good job.

The Democratic Party will address itself to the economic problem as opposed to Watergate.

In a recent address before a large congregation in the Mt. Calvary Baptist of Goldsboro, N. C., Dr. Turner urged blacks to become more involved in the political life of their local communities. "This is where it all begins", he declared.

Mrs. Betty McCain of Wilson, N. C. is the chairperson of the North Carolina Democratic Party. Dr. Turner is also Vice-president of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.; mayor protem of the City of Lumberton, N. C.; and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lumberton, N. C.

Obscenity

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court challenges an Illinois law on grounds that it is vague, indefinite, and overbroad. The state, on the other hand, claims that it has met Supreme Court guidelines in writing the law.

Wesley Ward was convicted of violating the law in the spring of 1972 and sentenced to one day in jail and a \$200 fine. His conviction was later upheld by two Illinois courts, including the state Supreme Court.

Ward was convicted of distributing and selling two magazines dealing with sadomasochism and sex. In his appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, Ward attacked the Illinois law, contending that it failed to give a "specific definition" of sexual conduct which was patently offensive.

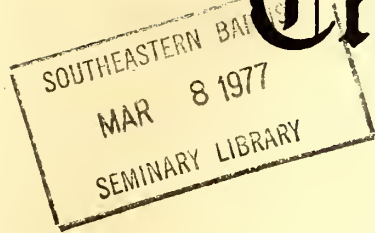
In its Miller decision in 1973, the high court ruled that "state

statutes designed to regulate obscene materials must be carefully limited."

While agreeing to hear the Illinois case, the justices denied hearings to three other sex-related cases.

The court denied a motion by a group of California men convicted in Iowa for mailing obscene materials from California to Iowa. A lower federal court earlier upheld Iowa's right to try the defendants.

The high court also declined to hear the appeal of a Washington State man employed by the Federal Government who was fired by the civil service commission for publicizing his homosexuality. The employee claimed that his First Amendment free speech rights were abridged, but a lower federal court held that the government's interest in public service efficiency outweighs the free speech claim.



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Shaw To Receive An Additional \$200,000

Raleigh — The Executive Committee and General Board of the GBSC voted last February 14th, to give Shaw University \$200,000.00 in addition to the \$400,000.00 already pledged for 1977. Shaw now operates on a budget of more than 6,000,000.00 annually. This and other vital decisions highlighted the all-day meeting of the Governing Boards of the GBSC.

The decision to give Shaw additional funds came after acting president Dr. Richard L. Fields, appeared before the Executive Committee and gave a stimulating account of what is going on at Shaw. "Shaw is a great school and has a long and significant history," stated Dr. Fields. He urged Baptists and other religious organizations to give greater support to Shaw. "Your grandchildren will live to see Shaw have a glorious future if you stand behind her financially today while she is going

through the readjustment period."

He seemed very optimistic about the future of our Baptist Institution and declared that it is well on its way to financial stability. "This is all the more reason why we must not relax our support for the institution. Now ... we must rally to her as never before. Shaw belongs to the Baptists, and nobody challenges that ... you have every reason to be proud of Shaw. It has a great history and the promise of an even greater future," continued Dr. Fields.

ERA Endorsed

The governing GBSC boards went on record as being in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment. Pastors were urged to use their influence to see that it gets passed in the N.C. Senate. (See article by Marse Grant — This issue of the Baptist Informer).

Nigerian Clinic To Receive

\$5,000-\$10,000.00

It was brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that the Nigerian Government in West Africa is taking over the land on which the Lott Carey Health Clinic is located. The clinic is desperately needed in as much as there is little or no medical help available to the vast majority of the African people.

"We can't begin to imagine how blessed we are here in America," stated Dr. Johnson, "we are living in a literal heaven and don't know it." It will cost between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 to move the clinic into an area where it will be safe.

It is not that the Nigerian Government doesn't want the clinic; it is just that they need the land for farm production to alleviate the starvation. However, there are no funds available to the Nigerian Government for the rebuilding of the mission health clinic.

In light of this above, the committee voted to give the \$5,000-\$10,000.00 through Lott Carey to facilitate the moving of the clinic. This money will come from the Unified Program funds. "It means that all pastors and Baptist Organizations will have to live up to their quotas if we are to do this," stated the chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Jerry Drayton.

Other Action

In other action taken by the Committee, the One Day Session of the General Convention was scheduled to convene at the First Baptist Church in Reidsville, N.C. in April. All Baptists are urged to begin preparation to attend the session.

The Laymen's League president, Mr. John McQueen announced the plans had been made to hold a second annual Laymen's Banquet at Shaw University, April 23. Tickets are on sale and all Baptists are urged to purchase tickets and attend the banquet.

The Committee also adopted a resolution to co-sponsor a "Family Workshop" at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly with the State Baptist Convention. This program and workshop will be planned by the General Baptist and Dr. Corbin Cooper who heads the Baptist State Convention's Cooperative Ministries Department. The date is to be announced later.



50 Years Of Dedicated Service

Left to right: Dr. J.A. White, GBSC President, Dr. Joy J. Johnson. Photo shows a scene from GBSC's Martin Luther King Banquet last January 14, at the Royal Villa Motor Inn, Raleigh. Dr. White was presented a plaque for 50 years of dedicated Christian service.

From

The President's Pen

All Christian Concerned General Baptists are urged to pray for Divine Guidance in the selection of a new Executive Secretary. On Tuesday, March 8, 1977, at the Baptist Headquarters, the Personnel Committee will recommend a replacement for Dr. O.L. Sherrill, who will retire August 31, 1977.

The Executive Committee, as provided in the Constitution, shall act upon the Personnel Committee's recommendation by voting yes or no. If the decision by the Committee is "yes", the decision is final. However, if the decision is "no" the committee will request a further recommendation.

The Personnel Committee was charged, 18 months ago, by President Johnson, to recommend the most conscientious, competent, Christian available by Christian Training, Philosophy, experience and expertise to fill the vacancy.

For nearly thirty years,

dedication, dignity, and distinction have been the trademarks of Executive Secretary, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, in performing his duties and responsibilities in the General Baptist State Convention.

The Convention has experienced tremendous growth under his leadership. The membership has grown from less than 200,000 to 355,000 and finance from less than \$200,000 annually to \$800,000.

Recognition will be given to him at a breakfast in Durham, during the Annual Session, for his unique contributions to the Convention.

Baptist Brothers and Sisters, pray that God will direct the Decision of the Executive Committee on March 8 at 8:00 p.m., for the General Baptist State Convention's Destiny will depend greatly upon this significant Decision. PRAY — PRAY — PRAY.

Joy J. Johnson
President

Who's Who Deadline Extended To Include More Participation

Raleigh — The deadline for application to Who's Who Among N.C. Baptist and Shawites has been extended to March 15, 1977. The extension has been granted in order to allow more applicants to be included in the publication. Even though the publication deadline is important, Dr. Johnson, president of the GBSC believes that the need to include more participants is greater than meeting an early publication date.

It was first announced last November that the GBSC would publish the Who's Who in an effort to raise funds for the support of Shaw University. A letter was released with a description of pertinent information that should be sent in by applicants. The schedule of fees were as follows: "Please enclose check for either of the following as down-payment and one-half of total cost: (1) \$125.00 for 1/4 page; (2) \$250.00 for 1/2 page or (3) \$500.00 for a full page providing you have been invited or designated as a National Contributor to Society. (The Balance Due Date was originally announced as March 31, 1977,

this obviously will be changed to a date to be announced later.) (All Tax Deductible)."

"Less than 10 percent of the proceeds from the project will be used for the publication and expenses. The publication will contain 1000 pages: 250 full pages designed exclusively for outstanding national contributors to society and 750 pages divided into halves and fourths for state and community contributors to society. A full page will be \$1000.00 with special designed plaque presented to all national contributors; 1/2 page \$500.00; and 1/4 page \$250.00; one half to accompany application."

All applications must be sent to: Who's Who Among N.C. Baptist and Shawites, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601

Application blanks may be secured by writing the same address.

All Baptist churches, associations, organizations, pastors, and laymen have been invited and urged to participate in and support this vital project.

Remember the deadline: March 15, 1977.

Testimonies Presented In House In Favor Of ERA

J. Marse Grant, Editor
Biblical Recorder

Delivered January 27 at Public Hearing of House Constitutional Amendments Committee.

I am glad to speak in favor of this human rights amendment that should have become a part of our Constitution long ago.

Recently I received a letter in which the writer told me to pick up my Bible, "the authorized King James Version," and read what God would have me do about ERA. I told him that this is exactly what I had done and from it, I learned long ago that God loves all His children; that He gave them talents and abilities and in Him there is neither male nor female; that I cannot and will not have any part in denying full citizenship to more than half the people of this country; that perhaps someday the entire world will hear His message of love and this archaic and unChristian discrimination will end.

The New Testament reveals countless ways in which women were an integral part of Jesus' ministry. He foresook the old traditions of his day and talked with women in public, visited in their homes and it's little wonder that women were the last ones at the cross and the first at the resurrection tomb. How anyone can distort the teachings of Christ and try to say that He was against equality and freedom for all people is hard for me to understand. Leonard Swidler is right when he says that "the Gospels give no evidence of Jesus ever treating women as inferior to men. Jesus vigorously promoted the dignity and equality of women in a very male-dominated society."

Despite many embarrassing chapters in church history about equality, there have been some bright spots. I commend the Quakers who were the first

Protestants to recognize women as equal with men. One of their most articulate leaders was Lucretia Mott who replied to a man who was praising women for their moral superiority, with the statement, "Woman is now sufficiently developed to prefer justice to compliment." That is just as true today, even as the pedestal is being held up as the exalted place for women — a pedestal that history proves has never existed.

Scare stories on ERA paint a massive conspiracy by the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court, the state legislatures, and other institutions on which this country depends for freedom and justice. It is hard to fathom this lack of faith. President Carter said in his inaugural address, "If we despise our own government, we have no future."

I have great faith in our government, in this General Assembly, and in all our citizens, black and white, male and female. I believe this General Assembly is ready to grant women the full opportunities and human dignity that is due all people. I hope that when historian slook back on this era, they will be able to say that in this fight, in the year 1977, the church and the General Assembly took their stand for what they believe to be right.

2-4-77 (Footnote: I have received only two critical letters from members of cooperating Baptist Churches — those affiliated with the Baptist State Convention. This surprised me as I had expected more. Most of my complimentary mail is from non-Baptist who actually do not even know the address of the Recorder. I have also received numerous calls and letters approving my stand which has been most encouraging. —JMG).

Anne Mitchell Coordinator

N. C. Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression

Testimony of Anne Mitchell, state-wide coordinator, North Carolina Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, before the Judiciary Committees of the House and Senate of the North Carolina Legislature, on proposed capital punishment statutes.

Raleigh, N.C. February 16, 1977

When, last July, the Supreme Court handed down its ruling upholding capital punishment, the majority of those men in black robes might well have been wearing white ones, for the impact of their decision on poor men and women, particularly those of color. Historically the worst victims of Klan lynchings, Black people may now in larger numbers than any other grouping fall victim to the legal lynchings of the courts of North Carolina, if you pass the proposed death penalty legislation.

That the barbaric specter haunts not only Black people or North Carolinians is of course punctuated by the grim events last month in Utah when the authorities of that state

killing people is an evil and absurd way to show that killing people is wrong; that the death penalty is irreversible, allows for no margin of error in human judgment, leads to the deaths of innocents as well as the guilty; that no evidence exists to demonstrate the deterrent effect to capital punishment, thereby making it cruel and unusual. The North Carolina Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression wishes to state its agreement with these arguments. But for the present testimony, we wish to demonstrate the racist and class character of the death penalty, thus showing as well its unconstitutionality.

In times past a variety of means were employed for the taking of lives—crucifying, disembowelling, impaling, burning at the stake, breaking on the rack, pulling apart by horses, throwing to lions or wolves or dogs. Today, in this state of North Carolina, the choice of means is limited to the same method by which society disposes of stray dogs. In 1912, an English court sentencing 7 men to death for high treason, ordered: "That you...shall be hanged by the neck, not till you are dead; that you be severally taken down, while yet alive and your bowels taken out and burnt before your faces—that your heads be then cut off and your bodies cut into four quarters to be at the king's disposal." The order ended with, "And God have mercy on your soul." North Carolina kills by cyanide gas with the odor of synthetic peach blossoms, but the pronouncement of sentence ends the same, "And God have mercy on your soul." We are here today to suggest to you that if you should pass new statutes for capital punishment, you will be as responsible for the deaths that are certain to follow as the men who hire themselves out for the grimy occupation of executioner.

If it can be said in general that capital punishment is reserved exclusively for the working class, the poor and the powerless, it can be said more specifically that it is used mostly especially against the poorest, most powerless, most oppressed, that is, Black people. A recent study by Marc Riedel for the Temple University Law Review shows that the proportion of death-row prisoners who are non-white — two-thirds — is even higher under more recent death penalty laws. Moreover 45 percent of the prisoners on death row are non-whites whose victims were whites. Of the 11 persons most recently executed by North

Carolina, all were poor, all Black, verifying that capital punishment is reserved, as Murray Kempton once wrote, for amateurs without property. That the concept of "legal lynching" is more than empty rhetoric is evidenced by a UNC Law School analysis which found that, though more whites than Blacks in our state are charged with and convicted of capital offenses, more Blacks than whites are actually sentenced to death and have actually been executed. For example, while more whites have been convicted for rape than Blacks in our state since 1910, only eight whites were executed for rape, compared to 68 Blacks.

In an amicus curiae brief filed before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1975 by our National Alliance, in the case of North Carolina vs. Jesse Fowler, we showed that, "In the 39 years from 1910 to 1949 when death was mandatory, 75.5 percent of those executed for murder were Black" in this state which is four-fifths white. In those same years, 92.7 percent of the first degree burglars on death row and 88.7 percent of the rapists were black. The class bias of capital punishment is equally obvious. In the years 1940-1954 only 20 percent of the gainfully occupied in North Carolina were employed as farm laborers or other laborers. Yet 50 percent of the death row inmates were in this category. On the other hand, professional and

technical workers, manager and proprietors were 11 percent of the population at large, 2.2 percent of the death row population.

A Charlotte Observer study conducted in 1974 showed that although two-thirds of all death-row inmates in Central Prison were Black, Blacks were "routinely screened off juries by prosecutors." In every case that sent Blacks to death row, the juries were overwhelmingly white; nearly one in four was all white; nearly another fourth has only none Black. We want to suggest to you today that where race and class dictate the order of things — and a quick survey of the composition of this General Assembly will prove that point as amply as it can be proven — that there is no way that the criminal justice and penal systems and particularly capital punishment will be free of those biases. In this century, North Carolina has executed 278 persons for murder, 71, for rape, 11 for burglary. Of these 360 killed, 73 were white men, five were Native American men, 282 were Black men and two were Black women. In June of last year, before the Supreme Court made its ruling, our state had the longest death row in the country. One hundred seventeen men and four women awaited execution; 77 of these — 60 percent — were Black or Indian.

Finally, virtually all studies —

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Calendar Of Events

March 4 — World Day of Prayer (Church Women United)

March 18-20 — Washington, D.C. Conference on the role of black Americans in the struggle of blacks in southern Africa (Howard University)

March 21-23 — Annual meeting of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association. The Theological Association observes its meeting in conjunction with the pastor's conference.

March 21-23 — Shaw Divinity School observes its Fourth Annual Pastor's Conference at Shaw University. Principal speakers: Dr. Samuel D. Procter, pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City; Dr. Charles B. Copher, vice-president for Academic Affairs at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia; and Dr. Robert Williams, professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

March 31 - April 1 — MARTIN LUTHER KING LECTURES - Professor Rudolph Featherstone, Director of Black Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston Campus. Sponsored by Black Seminarians Union and Black Church Studies Center, Dr. Joseph B. Bethea, Director.

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Spring Fashion Show

Matthews-Belk cordially invites you to attend A Spring Fashion Show Extravaganza for the benefit of Central Orphanage Friday, March 25th 1977 at eight o'clock in the evening Community Room, Eastridge Mall

sponsored by The Young Adult Department of the Gaston County Baptist Missionary Union Favors - Door Prizes - Free Parking-Refreshments Donation \$5.00 Tickets may be obtained by contacting Mr. Donald Crawford, 824-2570, Gastonia, N.C.

WOMAN'S PAGE

In Memoriam

Baptist Mourn The Passing Of Stalwart Leader

Raleigh — Dr. Ellen Seabrook Alston, who laid the foundation for the present structure of the WBH & FMC of North Carolina, departed this life on Saturday, February 15, in the Wake Memorial Hospital in Raleigh. Born in Franklinton, N.C. in 1894, daughter of Lovelest and Carolien Eaton, she came into the GBSC as Executive Secretary of the WBH & FMC in 1946. A post which she held until her retirement in 1967.

The Funeral Service for Dr. Alston was held Wednesday, February 16, at the First Baptist Church, Raleigh. Baptist leaders from across the state and nation gathered in sacred love around her family to express their appreciation and adoration for a great woman. The eulogy was beautifully and sincerely delivered by Dr. Charles W. Ward, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Her remains were laid to rest at Carolina Biblical Gardens, Raleigh. Tributes to her works were delivered on behalf of the Baptists by Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Mrs. C.E. McLester, and Mrs. Vera Slade.

Dr. Alston was first married to the late Mr. Joseph Seabrook; to this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Bernice Seabrook Shelton, of Philadelphia, Pa. She later married the late Mr. George Alston and to this union was born three daughters: Dr. Mozelle Alston McKoy, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Georgia Alston Jones, Garner, N.C., and Mrs. Agnes Alston Clarkson, Olympia, Washington. In addition to these daughters, she leaves to commemorate her life: one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Alethia A. Burt of Hillsborough, N.C., two nieces, 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives.

Dr. Alston received her early education in the public schools of Franklinton, N.C. and Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is a graduate of Hampton Institute and Shaw University.

Prior to her coming to Raleigh and the WBH & FMC, she was principal of Mill Elementary School in Franklin County, N.C.

When she came into the Baptist Convention work, there was much to be done, and she never seemed to tire of doing it. She authored and edited the "Missionary Helper," a devotional book for local missionary departments. She founded the "Youth Bible Camp," now one of the outstanding features of the youth summer program of the WBH & FMC. These are significant contributions, but her greatest contribution was made through her office as Executive Secretary of the WBH & FMC.

During her 26 years, she organized and laid the foundation for the present structure of the women convention. Beloved by thousands, Dr. Alston held the Christian standard as high as her national ability would allow. Many strong Christian women in N.C. today

give Dr. Alston credit for helping to mold and shape their moral character and inspire them to live the dedicated life. Only the records in heaven can begin to estimate the influence she exerted toward the establishment of this great convention as a working force for Christ.

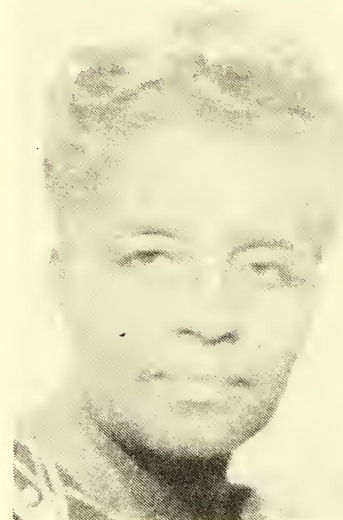
At age 82, her daughters marvelled that she "lived by the sheer will to live." One daughter reverently said, "She was a Great woman."

She enjoyed the privilege of traveling into foreign lands as a result of her work with the WBH & FMC, which included Africa, Egypt, Rome, England, and Jerusalem. Here at home she was a faithful member of the Board of Trustees at Shaw

University; a Trustee of the N.C. Council of Church Women; a member of the Executive Board of the Central Orphanage, Oxford, N.C.; a member of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Woman's Auxiliary; a member of the trustee board of the National Conference of America, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; a member of the NAACP; Wake County Credit Union; Secretary of Franklin County Committee on Negro affairs and Franklin County Teachers Association. She was a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Past matron of Pride of Labor Chapter No. 142B O.E.P.H.A. Household of Ruth No. 116. She

was cited as the "Star of the Century" by the 12th Masonic District P.H.A. in 1970. Her biography was included in "Americans of Achievements", a registry of careers of Distinguished Negro Citizens; and "Who's Who Among North Carolina Negro Baptist."

For these strong and well-built achievements, Shaw University honored her with the Degree of Doctor of Laws in 1957. Yes, she was sturdy, robust, brave, valiant, resolute, firm, and unyielding in the cause of Christ. For this, the Baptist of N.C. bow in humble respect to her contribution and the will of almighty God.



Dr. Ellen Seabrook Alston

"One who doesn't know happiness is a self-absorbed person"

—Dr. Alston

A Tribute To Dr. Ellen S. Alston

By Mrs. C.E. McLester,
President,
Woman's Baptist
State Convention

With profound sorrow, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina records the passing of Dr. Ellen S. Alston; so in recognition of the long and untiring service that she rendered to World Christian Citizenry and to the Christian empowerment of womanhood, I have been designated to make remarks in behalf of our Woman's Convention. Currently, I am President of the Woman's Baptist State Convention, and Mrs. M.A. Horne is our second Executive Secretary - Treasurer.

For slightly more than twenty-five years, Dr. Alston served as the Convention's first Executive Secretary - Treasurer. Her contributions in the areas of Institute promotion, Leadership Training, under the department of Religious Education Extension of Shaw University's Divinity School, "Founding Editor of the Missionary Helper," and organizer of the Bible Youth Camp, all serve as monuments to her memory.

Her keen insight and her practical manner drew people to her, because her Christian relationships were extended beyond duty, obligation, and responsibility; her relations were built on a personal philosophy of love, privilege, peace, happiness, enthusiasm, mercy and reason.

The attributes of the fineness of Dr. Alston's character involve the kind of insight enabled her to discover HAPPINESS in the most difficult situations, with commonplace people as well as royalty, and even while doing customary tasks. We have always observed her effectiveness in her generosity and her appreciativeness. I can recall one of her humorous sayings — "One who does not know happiness, is a self-absorbed person."

This is a true statement,

because only the appreciative can be happy, and only the unselfish can be appreciative. Dr. Ellen S. Alston was a happy person, because she was a real Christian. To her Christianity is not a voice in the wilderness, but a life in the world. "Christianity, to her is not an idea in the air but feet on the ground going God's way."

Because of her inward victory, and because we are grieved at the loss of this Giant Oak, with its sturdy branches that have towered both high and wide, locally, statewide, nationally and internationally, we the Officers, the Office Staff, and the entire Baptist constituency bow in humble submission to God's Will.

We are resolved to remember Dr. Ellen S. Alston's life as a Gothic Cathedral is built - on the principle of balance thrusts. In this architectural style every new arch must be braced with a new system of supports. If the altitude is lifted, or a spreading expanse, stronger supporting walls or flying buttresses are required in the superstructure.

Dr. Alston strengthened the foundation of the Woman's Baptist Convention, and through her brilliant, unselfish, efficient and scholarly efforts, she led us to the superstructure, which has weathered the storms.

Where-as her encouragement has continued during her illness, and her interest in the convention has never wavered;

Where-as her expertise and her magnetic charm enabled her to develop and to train hundreds of Missionary women and youth; Be it resolved, that we will strive to willingly sacrifice our energies and our talents for the service of others; Be it further resolved that the passing of this great soul will be recorded in the history of our organization so that her memory shall be ever cherished and that all Baptist will strive to emulate her admirable traits;

Be it finally resolved that the Convention will establish some outstanding way of preserving

the deeds so that future generations may recall the name from the book of active contributions and service - linking the past with the present and the future.

The harmony that her techniques have built leave with us the idea of Longfellow's poem - three people of varied ages playing parts on varied instruments, and singing - all at the same time —

"THE SINGERS"

And those who heard the singers three

Disputed which the best might be

For still their music seemed to

start

Discordant echoes in each heart

But the great Master said, "I see no best

In kind or in degree

To gave a various gift to each
To charm, to strengthen and to teach.

These are the three great chords of might

And he whose ears are tuned aright

will hear no discord in the three - But the most perfect harmony"

The 1977 Calendar Of Events

By Executive Secretary Horne
APRIL: PRAYER MONTH FOR FOREIGN MISSION
Send offerings To Your Woman's State Office

APRIL 2 STATE-WIDE LEADERS' WORKSHOP
Charter Buses A Demonstration of a District Conference
(BRING A SANDWICH) Annual Meeting-Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas
Chairperson

Seniors Martin Street Baptist Church
1001 East Martin Street, Raleigh
Y.A. & Youth Dr. Paul H. Johnson, Minister
St. Matthew AME Church
805 E. Davie Street, Raleigh
8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

HOURS: LEADERS AND OFFICERS OF DEPARTMENTS
FOR: REGISTRATION \$2.00—PRE-REGISTER NOW—AVOID LONG LINE
JUNE 6-10 THE MISSIONARY TRAINING CONFERENCE

The Baptist Assembly-Laurel Hill
Mrs. Thelma C. Horton Class Instructor

Each Circle should send at least two (2) representatives.
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Shaw: Defender Of Free Deliberation

Raleigh — (Editor's Note: This article concerning Shaw University is the third in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention. All Baptist, Departments, Auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that" objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the United Program). The schedule of Monthly Statewide Emphasis is as follows: January and July - State Missions; February and August - Central Orphanage; March and September - Shaw University; April and October - Foreign Missions; May and November - J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and December - Shaw Divinity School.

They Gave Forth Their Lots

"And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take a part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell up on Matthias; and he was number with the eleven apostles." (Acts 1:24-26)

In a recent meeting at Shaw University, one pastor, who felt that he was being denied the right to speak his opinion, stated: "This is a deliverative body, and I have a right to have my say." He was firm in reminding the presiding officer that one of the fundamental

principles of the Missionary Baptist Church is the right of each individual to enter freely into deliberation on any matter concerning the welfare of that body. The speaker was a Shaw graduate. As he spoke, the writer was reminded that this is one of the fundamental principles that had been woven into his very nature at Shaw. No one ever questioned the individual's right to enter freely into the deliberation of the vital issues.

From the beginning of the Christian Church, as seen from the above scripture, it has been taken for granted that each child of God has a right to share in the decision-making process. This is a very vital right that underlies the entire structure of Christianity and the free democratic world. We believe that God enlightens the minds of all believers through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. No single individual has a corner on the Truth.

For over 112 years, Shaw has defended the right to enter freely into the deliberation of all Baptist bodies. She has continued to encourage men to use this freedom in a responsible way — to become more enlightened through scholarship. Wherever Shaw people are found, you will find a free people. If you want to have a real church fight, try to take away the right to free deliberation. Many churches are torn and divided today because some uninformed individual thought that they were qualified to do all the thinking for a particular

group of people. But those who have been truly informed will rise up against this kind of injustice.

Often a body which operates on the principle of Free Deliberation will have some "stony" ground to go over and sometimes will go off the "track." However, given time, that body will revive with a new vitality, because God will work

Shaw

Introduces New Community Based Program

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Radio-TV - Film division of Shaw University today announced a new community - based program that will be aired over the university radio station, WSHA-FM, on a regular weekly basis.

The name of the program is: "B.E.S." ... which represents Broughton, Enloe, and Sanderson ... the three city high schools, and is designed to present a one-hour look at the activities of each high school directly through the ears, eyes, and voices of the students.

Each high school will be presenting their programs in different manners, yet, each will basically, present current events, features, and a combination of music intertwined with the other aspects of the program.

Broughton will air their program on Tuesdays, Enloe on

Wednesdays and Sanderson on Thursdays, with programs aired between 5-6 p.m. each day.

Paul Vandergrift, area coordinator for the Shaw Radio-TV-Film Learning Laboratory, indicated the purpose of these programs are to involve the community in the workings of the area (Radio-TV-Film), and to commit the area to further involvement within the general community, as it relates to the overall commitment of Shaw University to the community.

This is also a means to provide a resource and input to the community, as well as providing a forum for concerned voices of the area high school student ...

church members who know this.

The vast majority of workers at Shaw are working hard to keep the Light of Free Deliberation glowing, and to keep Shaw second to none in the field of higher education. This issue contains a number of press releases from Shaw, which demonstrate much of what is going on there today.

our prospective leaders of tomorrow.

"There is a need for us to be in touch with the community, and for the community to be aware that we are here, and we'll not only listen but will actively participate in raising the level of awareness in the community," said Vandergrift. "Our only hope is that the community will accept this program and help us, through the high schools and the students, to expand and envelop a larger segment of the community," he added.

The program began airing this week, and will be a regular feature of WSHA-FM, located 88.9 on the FM dial.

Shaw Grad Assists In

Supplies Airlift

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Adana, Turkey — First Lieutenant Carol Ann Stokes, an air transportation officer at Incirlik Common Defense Installation, Turkey, recently assisted in the airlift of critically needed supplies into eastern Turkey, following the devastating earthquake last November.

Lieutenant Stokes assisted in the loading of aircraft with emergency supplies and equipment which were flown into the stricken province. Military Airlift Command aircrews, flying the giant C-5 Galaxy, C-141 Starlifter and C-130 Hercules aircraft, flew more than a million pounds of emergency relief supplies to Van Airport, Turkey. Lt. Stokes was involved with the loading of these aircraft and arranging for their proper routing.

Carol Ann Stokes is a graduate of Shaw University, finishing her undergraduate days in 1968, receiving an A.B. Degree in Business, (Secretarial Sciences). Lt. Stokes makes her home now with her father in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Shaw Launches Fund Campaign

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Shaw University opened its 1977 Annual Fund Drive Friday with the kickoff luncheon, held in the Student Union Building, with approximately 150 faculty members, business leaders, alumni and friends.

Dr. Wilmoth Carter, Vice President for Research reviewed the history of the 111-year existence of Shaw University, which has produced a number of black leaders, on the state, national and international levels.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Dr. John T. Caldwell, former chancellor of North Carolina State University, who admonished the gathering that "the problem is one of money ... the name of the game is gold". "Private institutions have relied heavily on fees", Caldwell said, "but costs have increased in a discouraging spiral which some universities, especially predominately black private institutions like Shaw, without large private endowments, have found increasingly difficult to meet."

"There are a large number of people who simply can't pay more, but who think Shaw can provide something special,"

said Caldwell.

The \$802,485 goal of the fund drive will be used for general operating expenses, including the physical plant, auxiliary services, student aid, salaries and library acquisitions.

"The American society needs the Shaw Universities, the St. Augustines, The Johnson C. Smiths, and the Bennett Colleges," Caldwell said. "It needs the private, church related institution, whether predominantly black or white. The money has got to be found."

The Annual Fund is a broadly based and organized effort by the college to seek funds to supplement the cost of current operating expenses. Last year, Shaw received \$600,000 through these sources, including help from the General Baptist State Convention, the Woman's Home and Foreign Mission, Alumni and the United Negro College Fund.

The Drive is being spearheaded this year by Dr. Chauncey Edwards, Chairman, and Senator John Winters, Mr. John Baker, Jr. and Dr. George Debnam as co-chairmen. The kickoff luncheon officially signaled the beginning of the drive, which will last through March 31, 1977.

Couple Refused Ministerial Standing

BOSTON (RNS) — The Revs. Edward and Margaret Hougen have been refused ministerial standing in the Metropolitan Boston Association of the United Church of Christ.

Both ordained ministers of the UCC, they made headlines in 1975 when Mr. Hougen told his parishioners at Central Congregational Church in Orange, Mass., that he is a homosexual, and his wife acknowledged that she has had extramarital sexual relations.

As a result of the controversy stirred by those disclosures, the Hougens moved from Orange to Boston, where he is now pastor of the city's Metropolitan Community Church, a gay congregation.

The Hougens had asked to retain their ministerial standing in the UCC's Franklin Association, but it was revoked. According to the Rev. Philip Nelson, who was president of the association at the time, it was possible to take that action simply because the Hougens had moved out of the area. No reasons were given, and the Hougens then applied for membership as ministers in the UCC's Metropolitan Boston Association.

In refusing their application, the association noted that neither applicant is serving a congregation in the association or is employed by a UCC agency. It also cited what it considered questionable moral and

professional qualifications for ministry.

The association's committee on the ministry pointed out that Mr. Hougen is "a minister in full standing in the Metropolitan Community Churches, and is serving a church of that denomination." It added that other "primary factors" for refusing ministerial standing included his "stated views and practices in marriage" and "professional ethics."

Mr. Hougen has stated that "one cannot view adultery as inherently marriage destroying; it is only marriage destroying because of the dehumanizing nature of the contemporary sexual ethic."

Mrs. Hougen's application was denied because of "her stated views and practice in marriage," as well as the fact that she has no UCC church or agency employment. She is working for an agency that deals with elderly problem drinkers.

Mr. Hougen did not comment on the decisions made by the association. Mrs. Hougen said, "To make normative Christian marriage a criterion for ministerial standing is to misunderstand the nature of Christian ministry."

The Rev. Oliver Powell, association minister, complimented the committee on the ministry for what he called its "seriousness and thoroughness" in carrying out "a difficult

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Monthly Emphasis

Religious Emphasis

Week Planned

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University's annual Religious Emphasis Week will be held February 20-25, 1977. The theme for this year will be: "Whither Christianity"? The University Minister, Reverend Ronald Swain, has announced exploration of this theme from three aspects: (1) personal-social level, (2) church-related university campus level, and (3) the national level.

Some of the nation's top ministers have been invited to come and share this week with the university family and the community. Reverend Dr. Lorenzo M. Robinson, minister of the Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church in Stamford, Connecticut will deliver the sermon on Sunday, February 20. Reverend Williams S. Epps, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Winston Salem, will deliver the messages on Monday through Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in the university chapel. Dr. Grady Davis will be the featured speaker for the third annual faculty-staff luncheon on Thursday, February 24.

The evenings will be filled with opportunities for the community to become involved with the programs. On Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., small discussion groups will be formed and reflect on the theme of the day and the preacher's message. These sessions will be held in the Student Union Building on campus at Shaw University.

There will be special features in the activities this year, including a concert on Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. by "The Living Sacrifice", which includes Charles Johnson, a 1975 Shaw graduate, as one of its members. Another feature will be an essay contest developed around this year's theme. Three prizes will be awarded based on the judgment of faculty members of the English Department.

Religious Emphasis Week, an annual affair, is an effort to provide various opportunities for inquiry into issues of current concern, both to the university family and to the general community. All sessions are open and free, with the general public urged to attend and become a part of the week's activities.

Ohio Withdraws

Equal Rights

Measure

BOISE, Idaho (RNS) — The Idaho Legislature, one of the first in the nation to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in 1972, has rescinded its approval of the ERA.

Idaho is the third state to rescind earlier ratifications of the ERA. Nebraska and Tennessee did so earlier.

The legality of their withdrawals has not been tested in the courts. If they were counted as "approving" states, 35 of the necessary 38 states required would have endorsed the amendment.

Rev. Foster Installed At Calvary

Charlotte — In a very impressive and sacred ceremony last January 23rd, the Second Calvary Baptist Church installed the Reverend Lemar Foster as Pastor. He succeeds the Reverend T.M. Kennedy, who has retired and is now Pastor Emeritus after a successful pastorate that spanned 29 years. A festive Testimonial Banquet was held in honor of Rev. Kennedy in November of 1976. Reverend Foster accepted the call Second Calvary in November of 1976.

The Reverend Mr. Foster is a native of Charlotte, N.C., is married to the former Miss Betty J. Barnes of Salisbury, N.C., they are parents of four sons: Lemar, Jr., Jeffrey, Kevin, and Tavis. He attended the public schools of Charlotte and was graduated valedictorian of York Road Senior High School's class of 1959. He attained the highest scholastic average that year of all graduating seniors in the system and was named an All Star Scholar by the Charlotte News. His higher education includes an A.B. Degree from Johnson C. Smith University 1963; further study at the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions, Chicago, Illinois; the American

Bible College, Kansas City, Missouri; Interpreters House, Lake Junaluska, N.C.; the Ambassador College (extension), Pasadena, California; the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him in 1971 by the Neotarian College of Philosophy, Kansas City, Missouri.

The installation service was presided over by the Reverend Clinton Davis and the invocation was given by the Reverend T.M. Kennedy. An inspiring and challenging installation message was delivered by the Reverend L.D. Parker of Saint Luke Baptist Church. Dr. J.B. Humphrey, pastor, First Baptist Church, gave the charge to the newly installed minister and to the church; Dr. Humphrey is also moderator of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association. The speaker was introduced by the Reverend Preston Pendergrass, pastor, Antioch Baptist Church. Other distinguished guest included Charlotte City Councilman, Harvey Gant, WBTV vice-president, James G. Babb; Mecklenburg County Commissioner Robert L. Walton; Johnson C. Smith University Professor, C.D. Rippey; W. Thomas Ray, Charlotte Housing Authority Commissioner;

Samuel Kornegay, Charlotte Area Fund Director; the Reverend W.C. Bailey, who gave an expression and others.

The Reverend Mr. Foster entered the Christian Gospel Ministry in 1959, and served as pastor of the Mount Hebron Baptist Church, Gaston, N.C. for eight years, prior to his call to Second Calvary. He has also served in various capacities with religious, civic, and political organizations, which include: The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Freedom Neighborhood Association; Teenage Parent Services; Boy Scouts of America; WBTV Black Advisory Council; N.C. Association of Black Social Workers; National Association of Community Development Specialists; Model Cities Ministers Advisory Council; Greater Citizens Committee; Gaston County Missionary Baptist Association; General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. and the YMCA.



Rev. Lennon Foster Sr.

In 1968 Reverend Foster was awarded a Ford Foundation Scholarship for further study in 1971. He is listed in the 1976 edition of Who's Who in North Carolina, published by the Gold Book Publishing Co. of Atlanta, Georgia.

Deacon's Ordained At Friendship Baptist

By Mrs. Shirley Gupton

Rocky Mount — In a very impressive service February 6, the Friendship Baptist Church ordained Brothers Willie Battle and Willie Batts into the Deaconship. Both men had undergone a six month trial period during 1976, in which they served along with other ordained deacons as learners and deaconaides. The Reverend D.D. Williams is pastor.

The Reverend B.J. Daniels, his assistant pastor, Reverend A.K. Knight, the choir, ushers, members and friends of the Piney Grove Baptist Church at Saratoga, N.C. rendered the service. The sermon was based on a text from First Timothy, the third chapter. The ushers led a procession down the aisle, which included the candidates for ordination, being escorted by a deacon; their wives were escorted by two senior members. As the procession moved towards the altar, the choir sang "Someone Cares." Prayer was offered by deacon Walter Jordan of Shiloh Baptist Church. Duties of a deacon were outlined by deacon Peire Bullock of the Hart Chapel Baptist Church; he also gave a thought to the candidates' wives entitled, "You can make a man or kill him." Deacon Joe Brown of Shiloh Baptist Church presented Bibles to the candidates and admonished them to pray hard for strength and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hymn books were presented to them by deacon Calvin Edwards of Calvary Baptist Church, who gave them a song: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus."

The Ordination Certificates were presented to the newly ordained deacons by Mrs. Mae Lewis of Friendship Baptist Church. She gave the deacons a

final thought: "May the Lord be with you as you both travel along your small road of pilgrim journey."

At the close of the service, the pastor, deacons, members and friends extended the right hand of fellowship to the newly ordained deacons with prayers and hopes that they will continue to work for the Lord in Jesus' name.

"A thought for All Deacons"

"For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." (1 Timothy 3:13)

Couple

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assignment." He also urged more work in studying issues of human sexuality.

According to Dr. Powell, "it was clear to the committee that what was involved was not a judgment on the Hougens because of any life and marriage style, or expression of sexuality which they hold. (It) was to determine as precisely as possible what restraints and - or permission related to their style or their expression of sexuality are incumbent upon holding ministerial standing in the United Church of Christ." Under UCC polity, local associations have the authority to set ministerial standards.

Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared.

Successful In California

Native Son Electrifies

Home Church Membership

Goldsboro — The Reverend Lonnie Dawson, pastor of the New Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, was the featured speaker at a recent Fellowship Service held at the Antioch Baptist Church. Reverend Dawson is a native son of the Antioch Church, the Reverend James H. Ward is pastor.

Leaving his home in Goldsboro approximately 15 years ago to make his home in Los Angeles, the young minister worked with the city as an engineer. After a number of years he organized a small congregation which has now grown to well over 400 members. He has become a full time pastor of the church and has recently led the congregation in the construction of a new edifice.

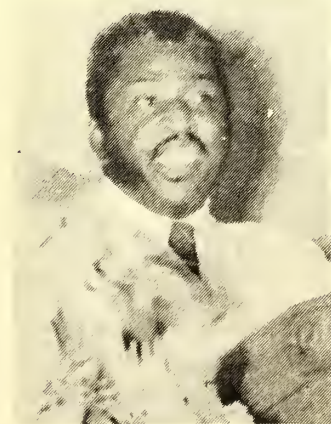
The sermon was a dynamic

one entitled, "Charge it to my account." The message was based on the New Testament Book of Philemon. The theme of the Book grows out of an experience that Paul had with a run-away slave. It seems that the slave had run away from his master and had encountered Paul somewhere preaching the Gospel.

The slave, Onesimas, was truly converted. Paul sent him back to his former master, Philemon, with a letter explaining that he had now become his brother in Christ.

It was common practice for a slave to rob his master and run away. Paul stated in the letter that: "If he oweth thee ought, put it on mine account." Reverend Dawson explained to the congregation the value of a "charge account"; many people are able to have things they could not otherwise afford. Relating this to Christ Jesus, he declared that Christ has invited all mankind to come back to God because if they have sinned, he has paid the debt on Calvary's tree. He said there is no need for us to remain alienated from God; "Jesus paid it all." Therefore, the gamblers can quit his gambling, the prostitute can return from her shame, the liar can quit his lying and come before God and man in peace.

The congregation and friends of Antioch Church received Reverend Dawson joyfully and were pleased that he has made such wonderful progress.



Rev. Lonnie Dawson

Laymen's Corner

Busy Bee Month For Laymen

Two important events confront the Laymen of N.C., during the month of April, 1977.

I. The One Day Session of the Laymen's League Convention of N.C. will meet with the Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C., April 16, 1977, beginning at 9:30 p.m. The Executive Board with April 15, 1977 at 9:00 p.m. at Friendship Church. Special features of the convention will be:

1. Workshop area
 - a. Royal Ambassadors
 - b. Laymen
2. Sermon by the Rev. James Moore, pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, New Bern.

Laymen, Youth, Pastors, and Friends, please come and make this a joyous occasion.

II. Our Second Annual Fellowship Banquet will be held at Shaw University — Student Union Bldg., on April 22, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$10.00. Fund raised at banquet will go toward the objection of the Unified Program. Check your local league for tickets or write Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., at the Baptist Headquarters.

Representation Fees for the One Day Session of Laymen's League are:

- \$15.00 - up — pending upon male membership of the church
 \$25.00-up — associations and unions

Hymn Of The Month

"In Christ There
Is No East
Or West"

By John Oxenham
(1857-1940)

The hymn should be presented in the following manner: Places: (1) Church Worship Services, (2) Sunday Schools, (3) B.T.U., (4) Public meetings, etc.

A. Research and read the story of composer and hymn.

B. Have musician play through to familiarize the congregation with tune.

(1) Preludes, Offeratories, Interludes are good places to play the tune.

(2) Hymn Tune: St. Peters

C. Read words aloud.

D. Sing through the verses both choir and congregation.

Please keep these goals in mind when developing or using the "Hymn of the Month" idea.

(1) It should create congregational participation, an art of worship.

(2) Develop a large supply of hymns to use as congregational singing.

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as songs and hymns relate to the Christian faith.

Next month: "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross."

"In Christ There
Is No East
Or West"

By John Oxenham

This song was taken from Oxenham's collection of poetry called "Bees in Amber." The lines "O East is East and West is West, and Never the Twain Shall Meet" comes from Rudyard Kipling's "The Ballad of East and West," which gave Oxenham great encouragement.

The Hymn

(1) In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love, thro'out the whole wide

earth.

(2) In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere, Their high communion find; His service is the golden cord, close binding all mankind.

(3) Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, what-e'er your pace may be;

(4) In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North;

(5) All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth. AMEN.

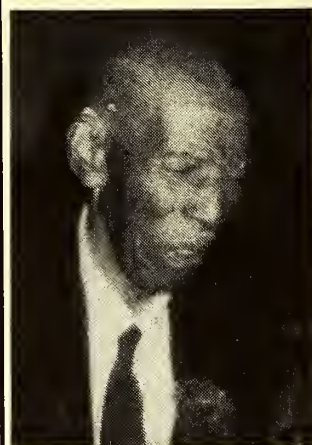
The Meaning
Of the Hymn

"In Christ There
is No East
or West"

It is the voice of a universal faith, a glowing ideal held up for the world to see and pursue. Oxenham's declaration is, therefore, an ideal not yet attained: there is no "one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." We have a Baptist Northern Convention and a Baptist Southern Convention, an Eastern Orthodox Greek Church and a Western Roman Catholic Church, Stanzal. We have an obligatory Sacrament of the Mass and a recommended Sacrament of the Eucharist, Salvation by Baptism and not by love and service — Stanza 2. We have an AME Church that is not part of the white Methodist organization — Stanza 3, and in Stanza 4, we must add after "In Christ Now Meet," the words "in imagination only."

This situation is a Christian scandal. It is a contradiction of Christ's ideal and command, has been through the centuries the cause of wars, and today renders the church impotent to shape legislation toward a more righteous social order.

Let us continue to sing this hymn. It may sting us into repentance and action.



In Memoriam

Louisburg — Mr. John Henry Strickland departed this life February 3, 1977, in the home of his only son and daughter - in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Strickland of Louisburg. Mr. Strickland was 95 years of age, and has spent his life as an active participant in church and community life. He was a member of Nelson Chapel Baptist Church in the Louisburg community.

African Baptists Look At Carter's Presidency

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — African Baptist leaders here have responded favorably to the election of Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist, to the U.S. presidency, but they also have some concerns.

In an interview with four African leaders, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, Laura Lee (Mrs. R. Jay E.) Stewart learned they were as a whole very pleased with the election of Carter.

But fear most often expressed was that the mistakes Carter makes will reflect on him not only as the President but as a Christian and that the whole world will be watching.

All the leaders urged constant prayer support for President Carter.

"He will need strength and the Lord's leadership because he has a hard job," said Arthur Kinyanjui, a pastor who serves as chairman of the Baptist Convention of Kenya and vice president for Africa for the Baptist World Alliance. "This is his opportunity to let the world see the difference between being a Christian and being of the world. Jimmy Carter needs to show the difference that Jesus Christ can make in one's heart and life. I hope that all he does will be for the glory of God and his kingdom."

Douglas Waruta, a former pastor now employed by the Bible Society of Kenya, also expressed concerns. He is a graduate of Hardin - Simmons University, a Baptist school in Abilene, Tex., and plans to attend seminary in the States.

"My fears for a Christian in politics are that the world has a double standard in judging Christians and other people," Waruta said. "One cannot succeed all the time, and if Carter fails it will be identified with his Christian commitment."

Waruta also talked about Africa's hope for President Carter.

"I believe most of the people here have high hopes. These hopes are for improvement in moral conditions, equality and justice."

"People are looking at the positive side. Our hopes are

similar to those we had when John F. Kennedy was President. African countries were gaining their independence about that time, and he offered this sort of hope," Waruta said. "We hope for racial justice, political freedom and economic fairness."

Leonard Otita, a translator at Baptist Publications House here, pointed out that Carter can be a good example to the world. "There are restrictions in some countries, and this is his chance to proclaim to the world the Word of God."

Another Kenyan Baptist, John Wathika, an employee of Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly in Limuru, Kenya, wanted to read more about Carter. "All I know is what I read, but I've followed him since he was a farmer. I believe he will be a hard - working President. The whole world will be watching to see what he does, especially the non - Christian world. We must pray for him."

No Reference In New Testament To Ordination Of Men Or Women

CHICAGO (RNS) — Biblical scholar Father John L. McKenzie said here that the New Testament makes no reference to the ordination of either men or women, and that "no church officer is ever called a priest."

Arguing that theologians have accepted uncritically an exclusive male clergy, rarely considering the role of women in the apostolic Church, he called for a "reassessment."

Writing in Keys, a publication of the St. Thomas More Association in Chicago, he said "until we do assess it, it is superficial to dismiss the role of women in the apostolic Church as passive; or to make references to silence of women in the Church the total rule of the apostolic Church."

"The apostolic Church reflects the male - dominated culture in which the Church arose as well as efforts to break out of that

Central Orphanage Day

By Mrs. Marion G. Miles

The New Home and Durham Missionary Auxiliary sponsored their 4th Central Orphanage Day, Sunday, January 16, 1977 at the Convention Home on Guess Road, Durham, North Carolina.

The program featured a concert by the Travelettes of the Orphanage directed by Mr. Robert E. Howell. Guest speaker was the Reverend Kay - Robert Volkwin, Pastor of the Timothy Darling Presbyterian Church, Oxford, N.C., and Chaplain of the Orphanage.

Climax of the program was the presentation of \$1,888.20 to Mr. J.D. Drumwright, Assistant Superintendent of the Orphanage by Mrs. B.L. Dunegan, President of the Auxiliary. Personal gifts were also given to the children by members of the auxiliary and refreshments were served.

This is an annual program sponsored by the New Home and Durham Missionary Auxiliary with support coming from the New Home and Durham Baptist Association, Ministers and Deacons Union, Sunday School Convention and Friends. This association consists of churches from Durham, Wake, and Orange Counties.

culture," said Father McKenzie. "Whatever tradition may be, it is not an effort to sustain an archaic culture."

The priest, who currently teaches at De Paul University here, explored the ministerial aspects of the New Testament writings and concluded that "no New Testament church officer is ever called a priest."

"Since the office was known both in Judaism and Hellenistic-Roman religion, the omission of the title is striking; it must have been deliberate."

Father McKenzie observed that the New Testament churches — at least some of them — had officers whose titles we translate as 'bishops' or 'elders'; we do not know their powers or their responsibilities, and those who translate 'bishop' as overseer are linguistically quite justified."

"What we surely do not find in the New Testament is a single officer who is the head of a local church. We do not know that officers were 'ordained'; the imposition of hands certainly was a symbolic conferring of power, but the power remains undefined."

Concerning women serving the early Christian church, Father McKenzie noted that Phoebe was not the only "deaconess" in the apostolic church. He also submitted that "hers was no less of an ecclesiastical office than that of a deacon — certainly her mission was not 'limited to such things as the distribution of old clothing.'"

Furthermore, he stressed, "Priscilla and Aquila are always mentioned together; they were obviously a husband - wife evangelical team, and Paul calls them in equal terms his 'helpers.'"



J.D. DRUMWRIGHT, left, assistant Superintendent of the Central Orphanage in Oxford, N.C. is shown accepting a donation of \$1,888.20 from Mrs. B.L. Dunnegan, President of the New Home and Durham Missionary Auxiliary. Others pictured from left to right are, Mrs. A.T. Rogers, Junior Supervisor, Mrs. M.C. Evans, First Vice President, Mr. Willie Williams, representing the Sunday School Convention, Mrs. Marion G. Miles, Orphanage Day Chairman, Reverend Robert Fuller, Moderator of the Association, and Mr. Walter Umstead, representing the Ministers and Deacons Union.

Justice Dept. Orders

Probe Into Case Against 'Wilmington 10'

RALEIGH, N.C. (RNS) — J. Stanley Pottinger, chief of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, has ordered an investigation of the case of the "Wilmington 10" to determine if the civil rights of the Rev. Ben Chavis and eight other black defendants were violated when they were convicted of charges stemming from racial disorders at Wilmington, N.C., in 1971.

The other member of the Wilmington 10, Anne Shephard-Turner, a white woman, who received the lightest sentence, 10 years was paroled recently. The

other defendants are serving sentences averaging about 29 years.

Daniel Rinzel, deputy chief of the Civil Rights Division's criminal section, said Mr. Pottinger's decision to order the investigation was based on a study of the trial transcript, affidavits filed by a prosecution witness who said he was told by the prosecution to lie in his testimony, and various published articles about the controversial case.

Another consideration, he said, was a report of a recently conducted FBI investigation into alleged threats made against the witness, Allen Hall, 23, a black, who testified against the "Wilmington 10" and who recently has recanted his testimony.

Another black witness, Eric Junous, 17, also signed a statement saying he was bribed and intimidated by prosecution officials.

Mr. Rinzel said that Mr. Chavis, a field representative of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, and the other members of the "Wilmington 10" still in prison cannot appeal to the Justice Department "to get convictions reversed" but that the department has the power to check on whether government officials violated civil rights laws during the time prior to and during their trials.

Mr. Hall, who now has recanted his testimony placing Mr. Chavis and others at the scene of a grocery fire they were accused of igniting, says he was told to commit perjury by the prosecutor and his assistants and by state law enforcement officers. Mr. Junous, now serving a jail term in an entirely separate matter, says he was promised but never actually given a motorbike in return for his testimony.

Meanwhile, about 400 persons, including members of 25 United Church of Christ congregations, attended a "revival for justice" holy communion service at Laodicea (UCC) church here.

The service marked the first anniversary of the imprisonment of the "Wilmington 10."

The Rev. Charles Cobb, executive director of the UCC commission, told the gathering

that "in the light of so much contradictory evidence, even the most avowed racist must be wondering this evening how they are keeping those nine young people in North Carolina in jail."

The new North Carolina governor, James B. Hunt, Jr., has announced through an aide that he has "asked some people to pull some pieces together to see if any action is needed from this office" on the case.

Elizabeth Chavis, the minister's mother, told the Raleigh gathering that "we must look for a rejuvenated system of leaders who, in the words of Jimmy Carter, 'are born again.'"

Ms. Shephard-Turner said she "spent 21 months in hell for lies" told by prosecution witnesses.

A Charlotte newspaper poll of the jurors in the case indicated that most had not changed their minds about the conviction.

Dallas Will Use Book With Creation Theory

DALLAS (BP) — Dallas Independent School District trustees, in a 6-3 vote here, have approved the use of a high school biology textbook containing the biblical concept of creation and the origin of man for use as a source book to accompany the primary text used in public schools.

The book, "A Search for Order in Complexity," published by Zondervan Corp. in Grand Rapids, Mich., "recognizes that both evolution and creation are philosophical concepts or theories, and that science needs to present the facts and let the people make their own conclusions," said School Board President Bill Hunter.

The approval came, according to reports, after an emotional debate which split along racial lines, with whites reportedly favoring the book and blacks opposing it.

A black surgeon, Dr. Emmett Conrad, reportedly declared, "There is no place in our textbooks for religious propaganda. The theory of evolution has no religious background at all."

The newly approved source book was written by a 20-member textbook committee of the Creation Research Committee and included a number of academicians from U.S. universities.

Dallas schools of the Texas Board of Education. "A Search for Order in Complexity" will be maintained as a research source, with one textbook placed in each biology classroom.

Hunt said that if the state board included the Zondervan book on its next list of approved

text books he would have no objection to using it as the primary textbook in Dallas biology classes.

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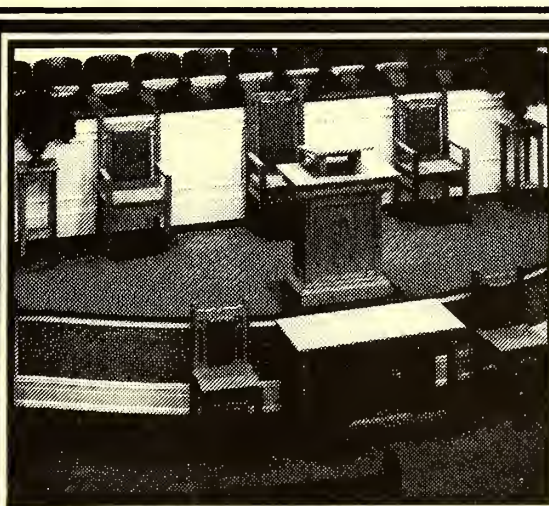
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Not On Things On
The Earth —

Colossians 3:2

Testimonies

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notably recent ones by Marvin Wolfgang at the University of Pennsylvania and Hugo Adam Bedau at Tufts University — show that states with the death penalty have crime rates as high or higher than states without capital punishment. In 1974, states with capital punishment had an average of 9.23 homicides per 100,000 population, while non-death penalty states had an average murder rate of only 5.88. Furthermore, in 1974, the states which had the two highest murder rates—Georgia (17.8) and South Carolina (16.2) — both had death penalty statutes. Whereas the two states with the lowest murder rates — North Dakota (1.4) and Iowa (1.9) — had no death penalty. In our state, North Carolina, we have a murder rate more than twice that of Pennsylvania, which has abolished capital punishment. Each Deep South state, where the call of the wild is shrillest for the death penalty, had higher murder rates than any state without capital punishment. For those of us who watched with fascination the portrayal of "Roots" on our television screens recently, and for those of us who had no need to watch it to understand the roots of racism in our state and our society, the statistics we have cited clearly demonstrate that capital punishment today is a racist throwback to days of the past, a contemporary practice that finds its roots in the days of the nightrider. We urge you now, in your deliberations, to finally tear those roots asunder.



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Petty For ERA

Delivered at Public Hearing of House Constitutional Amendments Committee.

I am Charles V. Petty, director of the Christian Life Council of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. One of my program assignments is family relationships. I wrote my doctoral dissertation on divorce, spend hundreds of hours in marriage and family counseling and conduct and sponsor dozens of family life conferences and marriage enrichment retreats each year.

Family life in North Carolina is unstable. In 1975 for every 100 marriages there were in North Carolina, there were 52.2 divorces. Approximately 23,147 children under 18 years of age were involved in these divorces 1.

Will the ERA reverse or increase this trend in marital deterioration? Probably neither. The impact of the ERA on familial stability will not be that significant. Why?

First, passage will not result in women being forced to work outside the home or men having to stay at home and spend equal time parenting. Marriage is not and cannot be predicated upon each partner contributing 50 per cent of anything. Marriage, at its best, is a total commitment of one's abilities and resources to that relationship. Skills and resources will vary tremendously among couples and each couple will maintain the right to make private decisions i.e. who works, who parents, etc.

Second. Passage of the ERA will not eliminate traditional male and female roles. It will not make men out of women or vice-versa. Persons will be allowed to continue to choose whatever life style and value system they want. Career or domestic orientation will be the option of each main man and woman with neither being forced to be either masculine or feminine or neuter. Equality is not sameness.

Third. The ERA will not take away the right of each state to regulate family legislation. Marriage and divorce laws will still be determined by each state. However, the laws will have to be just and non-discriminatory. To argue for injustice and discrimination as some do is a bit precarious to say the least.

What passage of the ERA will do to some family relationships is this: It will require more accountability and responsibility from husbands and wives. For example, women will no longer be granted custody of children simply because they are women. Parenthood will be determined by fitness. Alimony and child support payments will be determined by need rather than gender.

Responsibility and accountability are frightening both to a woman who wants to "be treated like a lady" and also a man who wants "and indentured servant." For most of these persons, their family life styles will be unaltered by the ERA. Quite frankly, many issues, which are not directly related to

the ERA, will have a much greater impact on their familial relationships and to family stability. Parenthetically, it is probably this mindset which has resulted in 9 of the 12 Southern States rejecting the ERA. Could it be that we Southern men take pride in "taking care of our women"...perhaps just as we took care of our Blacks?

Fourth, passage of the ERA is not a contradiction of Christian teachings relative to the family. There are two major viewpoints regarding biblical interpretation of family relationships. Most anti-ERA supporters who quote the Bible see the Bible as a book of forms. That is, there is a certain way of practicing family and every effort should be made to imitate biblical families. Thus, Americans today are to treat one another as Adam did Eve, Abraham did Sarah, as the Apostle Paul suggested, etc.

Since the biblical form of family was patriarchal, rule by the man, proponents of forms insist that there is a natural order of creation; God, man, woman, child. Every effort must be made to reconstruct the Judaica-Christian family as it existed 1900 to 4000 years ago.

The other approach is to follow biblical principles rather than literal forms of the Bible. These biblical principles concerning family include love, faithfulness, trust, support, oneness, respect, kindness, gentleness, goodness, patience, forgiveness, submission, discipline, etc.

These principles, which come from specific passages of scripture on the family, also take the entire biblical teachings into consideration. This approach avoids the pitfalls of "proof texting" and taking scripture out of context. These principles are binding upon males and females. Implementation of these principles in a home is not dependent upon literal forms, but flexibility is allowed as to who does what, when and how.

Two questions bring the issue of "form" or "principle" into focus.

First, is every Christian family, throughout all the ages, supposed to be identical? In other words, is the Eskimo family supposed to be like that of the Chinese? The English like that of the Nigerian? Or, is the 20th century American family supposed to be identical to the 3rd century Germanic family?

Second, why do so many clamor for a return of the biblical form of family and not a similar return in other areas of life? Why do they not also advocate a return to the biblical form of dress, of diet, of government, of economics, or even of church? Is that not a contradiction?

In my judgment the biblical form of family is not binding upon all cultures throughout all the ages. However, the biblical principles are binding! Love, faithfulness, support, etc., are eternal, universal Christian principles.

Twentieth century American family life is in serious trouble. However, like the Pied Piper, those who advocate the simplistic solutions, who contend



GBSC's MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BANQUET REFLECTIONS

Raleigh — The photo of a recent scene, taken during the GBSC's Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet the Royal Villa Motor Inn, Raleigh, show Mrs. Georgia B. Guest singing one of the selections that lifted the audience. Standing with Mrs. Guest are a number of GBSC officials.

Records with Mrs. Guest singing are now available. She has recorded many selections that were sung during the All-Baptist Assembly last July.

Even Prostitutes 'Have Degrees'

It's Time For Action On 'Mail Order Ministers'

Biblical Recorder

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE about the "mail order" operation out of California which has ordained more than 3,000,000 "ministers" and has awarded thousands of honorary doctor of divinity degrees — all for a sizeable fee, of course.

Closely allied with this situation is tax exemption now being claimed even by houses of prostitution. (See page 18, Jan. 15 RECORDER). On Dec. 21, 1974, this bordello - masquerading - as - a - church - was incorporated under New York laws, calling itself The Fellowship for Human Happiness.

Now comes word from Arizona that a "minister" of the Universal Life Church has pleaded guilty to eight counts of

receiving the earnings of a prostitute. Douglas James Thompson, 24, was caught by undercover officers who learned that telephone calls were made to Thompson at a building which he was using as a "church." Four women were booked for investigation of offering to commit acts of prostitution. One carried a card identifying her as a "minister of the church."

Are these examples not enough to require action? "Bishop" Kirby J. Hensley of Modesto, Cal., should be brought to court on at least a half dozen different charges, including fraud. Obviously, our cherished freedom - of - religion principle should not include such fraudulent schemes.

At the same time this mail-order ministry is being in-

vestigated, there should be a broad, comprehensive study of tax exemptions. These tax laws were never written to include houses of prostitution as a "church." Neither were they designed for a prostitute to be a "minister" as was the case in Phoenix.

We realize that these are very sensitive areas for government but we believe the time has come for action. If these charades continue, duly ordained ministers of the gospel and legitimate churches may lose their privileges accorded by law. This is how serious the situation is at the present time.

Received Grants In January

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Grants totaling more than \$47,218 were distributed to 29 privately supported colleges and universities in North Carolina during January by the Sear-Roebuck Foundation.

In the Raleigh area, Meredith, Shaw, St. Augustine's, Peace, St. Mary's and Louisburg received grants totaling \$6,657.

The North Carolina colleges and universities are among almost 1,000 private accredited two-and-four-year institutions across the county which are sharing in \$1,250,000 in Sears Foundation funds for the 1976-77 academic year. Funds may be used unrestrictedly as the colleges and universities deem necessary.

In addition to its unrestricted grant program, the Sears Roebuck Foundation each year conducts a variety of special-purpose programs in elementary, secondary, higher and continuing education. Altogether, the Foundation had expenditures of over \$2,500,000 in 1976 for its education activities.

Middle Ground Reports Successful Institute

By DR. G.E. BROWN

Gold Point — Another milestone was reached last January 10-21, when the Middle Ground Association held its annual training institute. The institute was held at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, N.C., Dr. G.E. Brown is moderator of the association.

that all would be right with family life if the ERA would be defeated, if women would just be submissive, who promote female obedience to a man rather than to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, would lead us down a yellow-brick road, not to happiness, but over a cliff.

1 Marriages and Dissolutions of Marriage: North Carolina 1965-1975 Cecile S. Alston and Clara K. Tesseneer, pp. 7, 19, 22.

Charles V. Petty, director Christian Life Council Baptist State Convention Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Many vital and inspiring lessons were taught during the two weeks of training. Teachers were: Reverend A.L. Daye - ministers; Dr. G.E. Brown - Laymen and Deacons; Miss Minnie E. Chambers - missions; Reverend F.W. Davis and Mrs. Elise Goddard-youth. The total enrollment for the two weeks was 249.

A dynamic message was delivered each evening. The following ministers brought a message: Reverend Brady Carmack, Reverend Moses Exum, Reverend John Williams, Reverend J.H. Chance, Reverend H.H. Moore, Reverend J.L. Farmer, Reverend A.L. Daye, Reverend F.W. Davis, Reverend J.H. Dixon, and Reverend Jesse Williams.

Those who attend the training institute grew religiously, spiritually, and mentally. God's presence was noted throughout each service.

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Dr. C.C. Craig Named New GBSC Executive Secretary

Raleigh — In a very baptistic and democratic way, Dr. C.C. Craig was named the new Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Tuesday evening, March 8, 1977. He succeeds, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, who asked for retirement after 30 years at the vital post. Dr. Craig will begin his term of office, August 31, 1977, at which time Dr. Sherrill's retirement will begin. The GBSC is 110 years old and has over 355 thousand members.

The selection of Dr. Craig as Executive Secretary was accomplished in the most baptistic and democratic manner according to the strictest sense of these terms. Baptist leaders from the mountains to the coast, and from the borders of Virginia and South Carolina, packed the

Baptist Headquarter's Board Room to capacity on that historical evening. It was evident, early in the afternoon, that the meeting would not be one of the "business-as-usual" variety. As the hour for the meeting grew near, even a casual observer could discern that there was a "Pro - Craig" tone to the conversation in the milling crowd.

When the duly called Executive Committee meeting was finally called to order by the chairman, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Winston - Salem, there was standing room only in the Board Room. A solemn and reverend attitude of silence fell over the atmosphere after a hymn was led by Dr. D.R. Hedgley, Winston - Salem, and prayer was offered by Rev. H.S. Diggs, Charlotte. Dr. Joy J. Johnson,

President of GBSC, greeted the brethren and outlined the procedure by which the new Executive Secretary would be chosen. It was pointed out that the constitution of the GBSC empowers the Executive Committee to call the official roll. It was determined that there are 51 members and that 45 were present. Chairman Drayton stated that everyone could remain in the room for the proceedings, but only the official board members would be eligible to vote.

After some considerable debate, all of which was carried out in a most Christian manner, a motion prevailed to the effect that: "The Executive Committee will hear the recommendation from the personnel committee, and reserve the right to make additional nominations." The personnel committee's report revealed that five persons were considered for the position.

Ballots were distributed to Executive Committee members and they were instructed to write the name of their choice on the ballot and return it to the ballot box. When the ballots were counted, Dr. Craig

received 34 of the 45 cast. A motion then prevailed to the effect that: "It be made unanimous." Whereupon the meeting bursts into shouts of joy. It was obvious that the Baptists had done what they came to do.

There were voices from every direction declaring that, "we are together." "Let us stand together and keep this great convention on the move." "We have another great leader, let us get behind him and support him."

Dr. Craig's Statement

Dr. Craig had anticipated the outcome of the meeting and was ready to give a statement of his intentions. The full text of his statement follows:

"President Johnson, Chairman Drayton, Dr. Sherrill, officers and members of the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for having selected me to be your Executive Secretary. My heart is bubbling over with joy as a result of your decision, and yet I am fully aware of the awesome responsibility of the office of the Executive



Dr. C.C. Craig

Secretary.

For almost thirty years, Dr. O.L. Sherrill has done a commendable job as our Executive Secretary in leading the GBSC to its present position in the state, the nation, and the world. We have one of the best black Baptist Conventions in the nation, according to the national record.

For the past fourteen years, I have served as a dedicated worker in the role of the Assistant to the Executive

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Easter Emphasis

We Serve A Risen Lord

By I.B. Horton



Christ, the Lord is risen today, Hallelujah! It is that season of the year when we are once again reminded that Jesus Christ, whom we serve, is a living Lord. "Then opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behaved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day." (Luke 24:45-46).

We are living among and in the midst of a people who do not know and understand that Christianity is more than an intellectual proposition. Christ is a living Lord, He is alive. He loves and directs his people...the Church of the living God.

(1) First we are conscious of the fact that a great many people of this generation have become so lost in the midst of things materialism — until they do not know the living Lord. It is a tragedy to go to church, pay money, give service, and then not have the joy of knowing the Lord in a personal way. Yet, we have countless individuals who seek to receive their joy in the church through recognition in various ways. They seek satisfaction through praise of man. When this does not come to them they are ready to walk

away and leave the church — But Christ means more to us than praise of men.

(2) The early church was able to endure untold hardships because they knew that Christ is alive. He had come into their hearts through faith. They could give their entire being to Jesus Christ, because he had given His all for their Salvation. They were new creations in Christ Jesus. The joy of Christianity does not come until one becomes willing to suffer with Christ...to take up a cross and to follow daily.

(3) There is hope for this dark world today in Jesus Christ. Not just as an intellectual idea that sounds good, but in an actual deliverance from the degradation of sin, self, and fear. There are false testimonies, yes, Satan has arranged this to confuse the weak. However, if you will be decisive — come to a real conclusion — Believe on Him, He will deliver you.

Yes, Sunday, April 10, 1977, is Easter...Bells will be ringing and choirs will be singing — and preachers will be proclaiming good the news. Will you be able to sing with them, "We serve a risen Savior, He is in the world today. You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart."

At First Baptist, Reidsville

GBSC To Report \$50 Thousand At One Day Session

Reidsville — The First Baptist Church congregation of Reidsville and its pastor, the Reverend Earl M. Brown are jubilantly making preparation for the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention, May 4, 1977. The pastor and members are excited and pleased that the G.B.S.C. and its auxiliaries will visit with them during the forthcoming Session.

Dr. O.L. Sherrill and President, Dr. Joy J. Johnson have called upon Baptists throughout the State to plan to attend the session in large numbers. The Session, which will include inspirational preaching in the first magnitude, detailed reporting of all G.B.S.C. functions, fellowship, and a delicious dinner, promises to be one of the greatest Sessions ever held.

Dr. Sherrill has called upon all segments of the G.B.S.C. to use their full influence to insure that

\$50,000 will be reported during the session. This has become necessary because of the additional commitments that the G.B.S.C. has made to Shaw University and to Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. It was necessary for

Shaw to receive the additional \$200,000 in order to meet the rising cost of operation. Shaw also suffered a budget deficit due to the severe winter.

The additional \$5,000 - \$10,000 for Foreign Missions was

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Dr. Craig Accepts The Challenge And The Cross

On Monday, March 8, at the Baptist Headquarters, the Executive Committee employed Dr. C.C. Craig to succeed Dr. O.L. Sherrill in an intelligent Christian manner after a brief date on procedure. The will of the people was abundantly demonstrated. That due process was expressed and executed by the proficient presiding of chairman, Dr. Jerry Drayton.

Several competent candidates had applied for the position through the personnel committee, Dr. J.C. Harris, the eminent and efficient chairman. It was the consensus feeling of the board that Dr. Craig should be promoted because of his fourteen grueling years of sacrifice, support plus

his experience and expertise.

Dr. Craig has the credentials, competency and capability to face the challenges and the crosses; however, he needs our consistent conscientious moral and financial support.

Since Kingdom work is our business — let us all take stock and become common partners for progress and Christian growth.

Congratulations, Dr. Craig, and we challenge you to take up the cross and lead the convention to higher heights. The mantle of responsibility has fallen upon you to take us to the promise land.

By Joy J. Johnson,
President

The Sherrills Honored At Dinner

Dr. and Mrs. O.L. Sherrill were honored at a fellowship dinner held at Maiden Chapel Baptist Church, February 27, sponsored by New Prospect and Maiden Chapel Baptist Church of Maiden, Reverend R.N. Lockhart, pastor.

In the afternoon service, expressions of appreciations were given by Weddie N. Gabriel of New Prospect Baptist Church.

Mr. Gabriel remarked, "This is a great event in the history of Maiden Chapel and New Prospect Baptist Churches. Today we have met here to honor a man who has made an outstanding contribution to our churches in the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association, as well as the association itself."

Mr. Gabriel told those gathered that Mrs. Gladys Sherrill was the good woman

behind Dr. Sherrill in that she had shared in sacrifices made by her husband in order that the work of the Convention would go forward.

In honoring Dr. Sherrill, Mr. Gabriel said that we must not forget his parents, the late Rev. and Mrs. W.S. Sherrill who set the pattern for their son's life. Rev. W.S. Sherrill served for more than thirty years as moderator of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association.

Mr. Gabriel also mentioned that although Dr. Sherrill had attained much in life he nevertheless remained humble and was able to "walk with kings and not forget the common touch."

In closing Mr. Gabriel compared Dr. Sherrill to a giant tree. "As you look, you will see scars that will let you know the

tree has been on many storms, but has not lost its usefulness as it stands. Birds of the air come to the tree for lodging and relaxation. They sit on the limbs ... a place where they can rest with ease. So it has been with Dr. Sherrill. It has not been easy during these years of service, but he has withstood the storms, and because of that he has gained wisdom.

His experiences will be a source of information for other who will follow as many other young ministers and laymen all over the State of North Carolina look to him for wisdom and encouragement."

Some Important Dates

May 14, 1977 — Convocation for conferring of Degrees Shaw University — Raleigh Memorial Auditorium — 3:00 p.m.

June 3, 1977 — Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet, Student Union Building — Shaw University 7:00 p.m.

June 13-17, 1977 — Annual Church Leaders' Conference Ministers and Lay Leaders — Shaw University.

To attain peace and holiness is to recognize the divine presence and allness. - Mary Baker Eddy

A Modern Day Miracle

Asheville — Dr. Charles R. Mosley, pastor of Nazareth First Baptist Church, Asheville, declares that what Jesus Christ has done for his eyes is a modern day miracle. "It is a demonstration of what power and Grace of a risen Lord can and will do, if you only believe," said Dr. Mosley.

Mosley had been gradually losing the sight in both eyes since May of 1975, because of glaucoma. It had been working in his eyes for about five years. His doctor stated that he would never see again out of the right eye, he only operated on it as an experiment to see how it would come out. This operation was performed January 14 and 19, 1977. On January 31 and February 4 the left eye was operated on. For a while he was



Left to right: Dr. Sherrill, Dr. Moseley, Mrs. M. A. Horne, Dr. J. C. Harris.

totally blind.

On February 14, 1977, the members of the Executive Committee of the G.B.S.C., meeting at Shaw, offered prayer for Dr. Mosley. An offering was taken and sent along with words of comfort.

Dr. Mosley said: "Regardless of what the doctor said, I know what the Lord has done; I'm looking through two (2) eyes." He hastened on to say: "I'm not putting the doctor down, I have a wonder doctor, but I am praising and lifting Jesus up."

The Nazareth First Baptist Church was very understanding during the entire experience.

Ministers from the community preached for him and carried on during his illness. Others offered to preach and to render services of various sorts. Dr. Mosley says that he is deeply grateful for all the prayers and concern expressed on his behalf. He also says that because of the liberal spirit of the Executive Committee members, other organizations and individuals, and churches, both in and outside the state responded with contributions.

We rejoice with Dr. Mosley and pray that his Christian witness will inspire others to walk closer with the Lord.



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THE GASTON COUNTY MISSION UNION

More than 200 Ministers, Women, Laymen and Youth attended the Gaston County Annual Institute February 21-25. The Institute was held at the Saint Paul Baptist Church, the Reverend H.J. Campbell Pastor. The Senior and Young Adult classes studied "The Woman I Am" by Nell Tyner Bowen. The average nightly attendance was 175. We are grateful to the Gaston County ministers for their presence, participation and encouragement each night.

A Personal Need

Growing Toward Maturity

By JEANNE GREGORY

Gastonia — After having listened to our instructor, Sister Horne, for the last two evenings, I have taken a serious look at myself in the spiritual mirror. Many things have taken on a

different meaning for me. It has been good spiritual nourishment for my soul and guidance for my interacting with persons and experiences I deal with daily. There is more to life than just survival. One has a soul.

I want to thank Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, first for sending us such a dynamic, dedicated and inspirational sister like her to us. Secondly, I thank Him for instilling in her the wisdom and insight to have extended to us an opportunity on last evening to have us to look into our personal lives and see a need. Thank you, thank you!!! Sister Horne.

As I began to think of my needs, there were many, but realizing we have to take things step by step it takes time and maturity. I am still growing and want to continue. One has to know oneself and must have a sense of direction for life. One must have some goal or goals in life. One of my most desired and cherished goals in life is to live and do for others. So my need tonight, as the task given to us on last evening by the dear Sister, is "I need to re-evaluate my priorities and values and find the time to carry it out as it should be done. I realize that I am doing and have done, but not to the satisfaction that it is due. Many times I'm caught up in busying myself with matters that are not important. Something inside keeps tricking me by saying, "Jeanne, don't go today, and serve mankind." I am beginning to realize another day might be too late.

All mankind is crying for someone to love, someone to care, someone to listen, someone to speak a kind word, someone to reach out when everything seems hopeless. Someone is in need. So my need is to re-evaluate priorities and serve mankind when there is a need and not when I want to serve.

Although someone is to respond to our need this evening but first I felt that I must do something about it myself, so I did, but always I'm open for suggestions from others. (1) I prayed to God to give me the stability and endurance to do His will. (2) I committed myself to His will, and (3) I just started serving without thinking of the word W-A-I-T.

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Lott Carey: Inspires Mission Mindedness

Raleigh — (Editor's Note: This article concerning the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is the third in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The objective of this feature is to help the Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month. All Baptists, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that" objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program. The schedule of monthly state-wide emphasis is as follows: January and July — State Missions; February and August — Central Orphanage; March and September — Shaw University; April and October — Foreign Missions; May and November — The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and December — Shaw Divinity School.)

Concern for Others

"But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother hath need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17).

This passage of scripture reminds us of what the true meaning of Love involves. It goes right to the heart of the matter, involvement. The scriptures frequently point out that the chief evidence that we have love our fellowman is that we are willing to become involved in their sufferings. We know that Jesus loves us because he willingly, voluntarily became involved in our human dilemma of sin even to the point

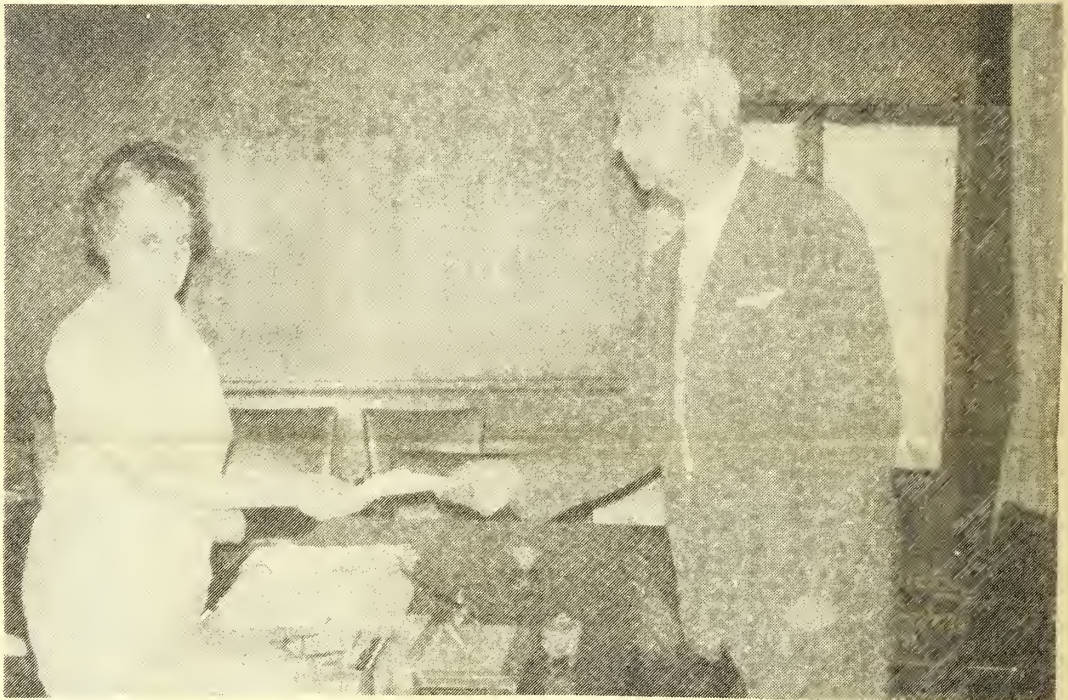
of death on a cruel cross. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (St. John 15:13). Therefore, we have the question always before us as followers of Jesus Christ: "Are you willing to take some risk on behalf of your fellowman. This is the ultimate test of love."

This is one among the outstanding features of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. It calls for our involvement in the suffering of our fellowman. This writer can recall an address that Dr. Somerville made some years ago. He related to the congregation that he had seen people around the world dying of starvation and for the lack of the necessities of life which we take for granted. He said that he had seen little children run their fingers through the mud in a ditch until they found a tadpole, which they would swallow raw. Because of this, he said that he always stops eating just a little before he gets enough, so that he can be reminded that over one half of the world goes to bed hungry every night. His words have gone with this writer, and to this day he always eats up everything on his plate so as not to waste anything; he too goes just a little hungry.

Yes, Lott Carey has been a great challenge to North Carolina Baptist. The spirit - of - missions has become a genuine part of the Baptists through - out the state. This mission - mindedness is reflected in the continual support that Baptist give to the work of Lott Carey and efforts on the Foreign field. The two stories about aid to African students in this issue of the Baptist Informer, reflect the influence of Lott Carey. This very day, each of you ought to go out and do some extra for Lott Carey through the GBSC's Unified Program.



GIRL'S DORMITORY — Lott Carey Mission, Brewerville, Liberia.



This photo shows Dr. W.C. Somerville in consultation with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Financial Aid For African Student

Whiteville — Another example of the influence of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention was brought to light recently in the story of Ben Ezeolok, Nigerian student at Southeastern Community College, Whiteville, when it was learned that Ben Ezeolok was in need of financial assistance, Baptist in the local community not only became concerned but did something about it. Ben Ezeolok is a 20 year old African student from Nigeria who is enrolled at Southeastern Community College. He was sponsored by an organization in Nigeria which has experience some difficulty in supplying him with sufficient funds to meet his financial requirements.

The appeal came to the Baptist Deacon's Brotherhood, an organization of Baptist Deacons. The Brotherhood was organized in 1952 with the purpose of strengthening the Baptist Deaconhood and aiding mankind in any way that it

could. The group has a tremendous following and is among the strongest spiritual and inspirational organizations in Southeastern North Carolina. It meets on the fourth Sunday in each month at various churches in the community. Deacon J.W. Jones is president of the Brotherhood and Deacon W.J. Walls is Financial Secretary.

This group has given financial aid and have pledged to aid the student in any way to prevent his having to return to Africa without an education.

The Friendship Baptist Church of Whiteville, (see in background of photo) has also pledged financial support to the student and has "adopted" him into the church family.

Ben is all smiles as he is shown in the above photo with Rev. John Prince, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church and Deacon Harry Lee Simmons, a member of Friendship Baptist Church and assistant secretary

to the Baptist Deacon's Brotherhood.

It is the belief of the writer that the kind of influence that Lott Carey has had on the

Baptist of this state is indirectly responsible for the concern shown for Ben Ezeolok. For years, Dr. W.C. Somerville has made annual visit to that

community. He has shown slides of his convention's work and has encouraged the people to become more concerned about helping others.



Left to Right: Ben Ezeolok, African Student; Rev. John Prince; Mr. Harry Lee Simmons.

Shiloh: Involved In Missions

Winston-Salem — Gabriel Reginald Duncan of Monrovia, Liberia was one of the radiant personalities who served as a tour guide to the 50 American tourists who made up the company led by Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Having just returned from a tour from Nigeria into Liberia during the last week of November, 1976, the question was asked of Gabriel, "What was he going to do having finished his high school career?" He stated in the presence of Mr. Frank P. Hicks, Sr. Deacon of Shiloh Baptist Church and Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C. and others in the company, "that he would like to pursue medicine and become a doctor to help his people in Liberia, but his parents were not able to send him to school." Denoting his plight, yet his ambitious desire to further his education in order to help his people, Gabriel touched the hearts of Mr. Hicks, Pastor Butler and many other personalities on the tour.

In was the spirit of God who opened the door to Mr. Frank Hick's heart to extend to Gabriel a welcome trip to the United States of America into the city of Winston-Salem, N.C. and become a family member in his home at 109 Pontiac St., to guide, house and feed him into a greener spiritual destiny.

Upon arrival to Winston-Salem, during the 1976-77 Yuletide season, it was evident that difficulty would arise in getting Gabriel enrolled in any college or university on a 45 Day visa, yet it was a must that he be enrolled in a college or university before his visa could be changed to an indefinite one. Many thanks to Mrs. Joseph D. Williams, Registrar of Winston-



Gabriel Duncan

Salem State University, who worked zealously and unceasingly until the cord was touched to the Administrator's office at Livingstone College, located in Salisbury, N.C., who opened the door at such a crucial time in his life to register him as a student.

Gabriel, having already become a Christian in the Missionary Baptist Church, united with the Shiloh Baptist Church Family on Sunday, December 26th, 1976. It is evident that the Lord laid upon the hearts of Pastor Butler, Officers and members of the Shiloh Baptist Church to stand by Gabriel 'Reginald Duncan with Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Hicks, Sr. to see him through. We look forward to the future when Gabriel will matriculate either to Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C. or Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem, N.C., following this semester at Livingstone College. We are ever grateful to all of the members of the touring team to Africa for their love, sympathy, understanding and appreciation shown to Gabriel.

Note: (This is another example of the influence of Lott Carey).

Middle District Institute Held

By R.B. JOHNSON

Farmville — The Middle District Union of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association held a Training Institute at the Macedonia Baptist Church of Farmville during the week of February 28 through March 4. Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church of Greenville, N.C., served as Director of the Institute.

The Institute was divided into four areas with a special instructor assigned each area. The areas and their instructors

were: Evangelism for ministers and deacons, Rev. J.H. Taylor; and Youth Department, Rev. Kenneth Hammond. The various groups assembled in the Church's Sanctuary each evening following the study sessions where an over-view of the institute was given by the director which was followed by a sermon. Dr. Sherrill and Director Lawson made unexpected deliveries as replacements for ministers who were unable to appear as scheduled and each was well

received by the institute, which was attended by more than one hundred individuals many of whom had perfect attendance records. Many additional persons attended the worship portions of the institute which was reported to have been one of the most successful institutes held in recent years.

Rev. F.R. Peterson was host pastor for the institute. The pastor and members of Macedonia are to be commended for their hospitality to the institute.

Mt. Zion Church News

By MRS. ALBERTA CHERRY
Mt. Zion Baptist Church secures New Pastor:

Condor—With the retiring of the Reverend W.L. Ewings after fourteen years of faithful service the members of the church have elected the Rev. Joseph R. Monroe of Raeford, N.C.

Rev. Monroe served as assistant pastor of Fletchers Grove Baptist Church, McColl, S.C., where he enacted several workable ideas. He was later called into pastorate at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Rockingham, N.C. There he received a change to rebuild a Mission church, which has been on the rise to the mark of a higher calling.

He is a graduate of Shaw High School, Laurinburg, N.C. He attended Richmond Technical Institute in Hamlet, N.C. He completed a religious course from the school of Bible Prophecy, Atlanta, Ga. He also attended Parks College, Pleasanton, California, and has been a student at Shaw Divinity School, where he will be enrolled again in the summer of 1977.

He was married to Patricia Ann (Hurst) Monroe, March 3, 1973, and has two sons - Daryl Allen, 3, and Joseph Robert



Rev. Joseph R. Monroe and Family

Monroe, Jr. 10 months.

Mrs. Monroe attended Sandhills Community College where she studied nursing and is a graduate of Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, N.C.,

with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Education.

We the members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church are very happy to have Rev. Monroe for our pastor.

Old Eastern To Hold One Day Meeting

By R.B. JOHNSON

Farmville — The One Day Session of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association will convene at the Macedonia Baptist Church of Farmville April 26, with the moderator, Rev. J.R. Person presiding. The session will come to order at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. O.J. Rooks in charge of devotions. Following the devotional period, Pastor F.R. Peterson will welcome the convention to Macedonia. Rev. O'Kelly Lawson, pastor of Cornerstone

Baptist Church, Greenville, N.C., will deliver the Doctrine Sermon as the highlight of the morning session. The afternoon session will be devoted to business and expressions from Auxiliaries and State workers.

Officers of the Association are: Rev. J.R. Person, Moderator; Rev. N.K. Dunn, Vice-Moderator; Rev. J.J. Crandall, Recording Secretary; Rev. R.A. Morris, Assistant Secretary; Rev. W.S. Wilson, Treasurer, and Rev. J.H. Taylor, Auditor.



This is a photo of the Executive Committee of the GBSC busily preparing and planning for the forthcoming Annual Session of the GBSC and all of its auxiliaries. The Session will be held at the White Rock Baptist Church, and other churches of Durham, next July 25-29. Dr. Lorenzo Lynch, pastor of the White Rock Church is shown in the aisle of the Shaw University Church, passing out information relative to accommodations.

Laymen's Corner

Busy Bee Month For All Laymen

Two important events confront the Laymen of N.C., during the month of April, 1977.

I. The One Day Session of the Laymen's League Convention of N.C. will meet with the Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C., April 16, 1977, beginning at 9:30 p.m. The Executive Board will meet April 15, 1977 at 9:00 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church. special features of the convention will be:

1. Workshop area
 - a. Royal Ambassadors
 - b. Laymen
2. Sermon by the Rev. James Moore, pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, New Bern.

Laymen, Youth, Pastors, and Friends, please come and make this a joyous occasion.

II. Our Second Annual Fellowship Banquet will be held at Shaw University — Student Union Bldg., on April 22, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$10.00. Fund raised at banquet will go toward the objection of the Unified Program. Check your local league for tickets or write Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. at the Baptist Headquarters.

Representation fees for the One Day Session of Laymen's League are:

- \$15.00 - up — pending upon male membership of the church.
- \$25.00 - up — associations and unions.

For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Galatians 6:8

Hymn Of The Month

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

The hymn should be presented in the following manner: Places: (1) Church Worship Services, (2) Sunday Schools, (3) B.T.U. (4) Public meetings, etc.

A. Research and read the story of the composer and the hymn.

B. Have musician play through to familiarize the congregation with the tune.

C. Read words aloud.

D. Sing through the verses both choir and congregation.

Please keep these goals in mind when developing or using the "Hymn of the Month" idea.

(1) It should create congregational participation, an art of worship.

(2) Develop a large supply of hymns to use a congregational singing.

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as songs and hymns relate to the Christian faith.

Next Month: "Go Preach My Gospel."

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Hymn was written by Dr. Isaac Watt, "the Father of English Hymnody." It is Dr. Watts that first thought out the theory of congregational praise and it is he that published a well-rounded body of materials for the church to use. His theory was

that or songs were a human offering of praise of God, and that therefore the words ought to be our own. This contrasts very sharp with the belief that the words should come totally from the Bible.

This hymn, written for use in the Communion Service, was inspired by Paul's impassioned declaration in Galatians 6:14. As a climax to his argument that one does not have to become a Jew before he can become a Christian, and that the Law in which the Jews gloried cannot possibly save anyone, Paul exclaims, "But for be it from me to glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified to me, and I unto the world."

The Hymn

(1) When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

(2) Forbid it Lord that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God, All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

(3) See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down, Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

(4) Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small, Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

At Usher's Convention

Some Blood Pressures Up

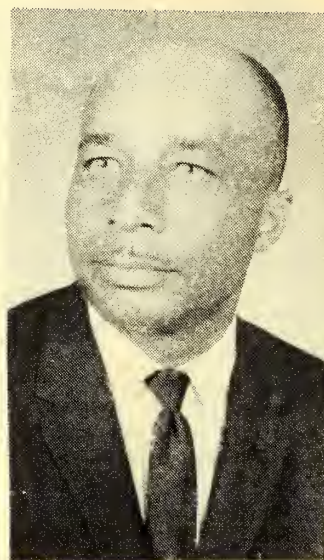
Fairmont — "When some of the messengers' blood pressure was taken, they were up," stated Mr. S.L. Fennell, President of the North Carolina Baptist State Usher's Convention, referring to the events of the recent One Day session. The session, held at the First Baptist Church, Fairmont, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, pastor, drew some 450 messengers from every part of the state. Mr. Fennell was elated as he reflected over the session. He was especially impressed with a demonstration by Mrs. Ernestine Scott, chairperson of the First Aid Department. Mrs. Scott demonstrated first aid techniques and took the blood pressure of a number of the messengers; some were up.

Laboring under the theme: "Christian Freedom and Responsibility," the twenty-third one-day session moved forward with enthusiasm as President Fennell urged the messengers to: "Show love and concern for the people both in and outside the bounds of the Christian church." "There are those in the community who feel that nobody cares about them: As Christians, we should do all we can to change that attitude."

Music was rendered for a portion of the session by the J.J. Johnson choir from the Lumber River Baptist Association. Mr. Waverly Camp, State Laymen's Music Director, led and directed music for the remainder of the session.

The 10:00 a.m. devotion period conducted by the host church, was credited with setting the spiritual tone for the day on a high level. The Reverend H.S. Diggs, the efficient and illustrative Dean of the Usher's Convention, challenged the messengers to do a more effective job of taking the offering in the Lord's House. He gave a very informative demonstration.

Mrs. Erma Frazier made a very informative report from the Executive Board of the Convention. She was followed by Superintendent of the Central Orphanage of Oxford, N.C., Mr. H.L. Bryant, who recalled from the history of the orphanage that Central is the largest black child-care institution in the



Rev. J. C. Sherrod

United States.

Other outstanding program participants were: Dr. O.L. Sherrill who called on all Baptist to aid the Shaw and Shaw Divinity School through the Unified Program. Dr. E.B. Turner brought remarks on behalf of the Lumber River Baptist Association. Rev. R.D. Lucas, assistant dean gave a sort lecture on how to respond to a situation where fire has broken out. He said that no one should panic; all messages should be given to the pastor and let him direct the congregation out to safety. The pastor should let one

part of the congregation go out one way while the other parts goes out another.

The Afternoon Session was directed by the Youth Department, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews. The main event was an oratorical contest in which ten young people participated. The first place winner was Miss Mitchell Smith, Mt. Vernon Church, Durham. Two young people tried for the second place: Mr. Currie M. Joyner, First Baptist, Elm City, and Mr. O'Loof Massenburg, Jones Chapel Church, Louisburg. A certificate was given to each participant for taking part in the contest. Young people from every Baptist church usher board were urged to take part in the next oratorical contest during the next session.

The highlight of the one-day session was reached during the inspirational hour, during which the message was delivered by the Reverend J.C. Sherrod, pastor, Hooks Grove Baptist Church, Pikeville, N.C. He was introduced by the Reverend John B. Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church, Weldon, N.C.

Sixty-six Baptist Churches represented during the session and a motion prevailed to the effect that: "The next session of the Usher's Convention will be held at the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, the Reverend H.S. Diggs, Host Pastor.

Rev. Millsaps Installed

Drexel — The Mount Zion Baptist Church of Drexel has installed the Reverend Ervin Millsaps as pastor in a very impressive service last March 13.

The service was presided over by Deacon Carl Hawkins. The Installation Sermon was delivered by Dr. Alan B. Sutton, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte. The charge was given by Reverend Marvin Connelly, First Baptist Church, Dallas, N.C.

Ervin Millsaps, son of Alma W. Millsaps, and the late Rev. Anthony B. Millsaps, was born December 18, 1936 in Hiddenite, N.C.

He is a graduate of Happy Plains High School, Taylorsville, N.C. He attended Teamer School of Religion, Charlotte, N.C. where he received his first year teacher training certificate, and B.T.H. degree. He also attended Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., also Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, N.C. Rev. Millsaps holds two Bachelor of Theology degrees.

Before he came to Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Drexel, N.C. he served as Pastor of Forbush

Baptist Church, Yadkinville, N.C. for four years, where the following things were accomplished under his leadership: He led the congregation in paying off the church mortgage; to put in rest rooms; in paneling the inside of the church; in donating the Broadman Hymnals. He organized a youth revival; organized a youth choir; ordained two deans, and other accomplishments.

Rev. Millsaps is a past member of the U.S. Jaycee's, a member of Stone Pillar Lodge No. 797 free and accepted Masons of N.C., he is a member of the NAACP.

Rev. Millsaps is a member of Yadkin and Davie Sunday School Convention, where has served as president for the past (10) years the Rev. F.A. Leak is the Moderator of the Yadkin and Davie Association.

Rev. Millsaps is married to the former Laura J. Wilborn of Wilkesboro, N.C., they have one daughter, Wendy Michelle Millsaps age seven.

He is a member of the Smith Grove Baptist Church, Hiddenite, N.C. where the Rev. Walter Tidline of North Wilkesboro, N.C. is the pastor.

Look!!!

The Second Annual State-wide Fellowship Banquet sponsored by The Laymen League Convention of the

General Baptist State Convention Time: April 22, 1977, 7:00 p.m.

Place: Shaw University, Student Union Tickets: \$10.00 "Come and Feast With God's Folk" Thank You!

Joint Business Workshop

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The Shaw University Division of Administrative and Urban Sciences - Community Development Center and North Carolina's Office of Minority Business Enterprise will hold a joint workshop, Wednesday, March 9, 1977, in the Student Union Building on the campus of Shaw University.

The Agenda for the workshop, which will be a one-day affair, will include speakers from business and professional fields. Their topics will deal with the aspects of starting a business, the feasibility of such a business, and the legal aspects of starting a business. Other speakers will also relate to the financial aspects of a business in respect to loans, financing, bookkeeping and insurance.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Reverend Ronald Swain, University Minister, will open the workshop with the Invocation followed by the welcome address by the presiding officers, Dr. Lorenzo Thompson, Chairman, Division of Administrative and Urban Sciences at Shaw University, and Mr. Jerry M. Dodson, Director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

The individual workshops will

begin at 10:55, with the first session followed by lunch, and the second and third sessions taking place from 1:30-3:40 p.m. A summary plenary session will be held from 3:40-4:40 p.m., and an evaluation period will conclude the one-day affair from 4:40-5:00.

This workshop, although being sponsored by the joint efforts of the Community Development Center of Shaw University and the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, is open to the general public, with all sessions open for participation by all. The Raleigh and surrounding communities are invited to attend and participate.

Schweitzer Aid Dies At 84

By Religious News Service (2-21-77)

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — Dr. Mario Mollari, a retired department chairman at Georgetown University medical school who once worked with Dr. Albert Schweitzer, died here Feb. 18 at the age of 84.

Dr. Mollari served in the Austrian Army as a medical officer during World War I, and worked with the legendary

Baptist, Jewish Theologians Deplore Unification Church

By Mike Bailey

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP) — A joint Jewish - Christian statement has been released here deploring the "bigotry against Jews" and the "distortion of the Christian message" promoted by Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church.

William Hendricks, professor of theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, and Rabbi James Rudin of the American Jewish Committee of New York, said their respective conclusions were drawn after 18 months of independent study of the cult and after counseling with former Unification Church members.

Hendricks said Moon presents "strange and unusual caricatures of Christian thought," including belief that the death of Jesus on the cross was a failure and denial of the resurrection. By implication, Hendricks said, Moon points to himself as the new messiah. "In Moon's view, Jesus was not a complete Savior," he said.

medical missionary Dr. Schweitzer at his hospital in Lambarene, Gabon.

A specialist in tropical medicine, Dr. Mollari came to the U.S. in 1924 and joined the Catholic-affiliated Georgetown faculty here the same year. It was estimated in 1958 that 90 percent of the medical school's alumni had studied under him.

He was appointed a chairman of the department of bacteriology, immunology and tropical medicine in 1931 and professor - emeritus in 1967.

Rabbi Rudin, assistant director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee said Moon sees the ancient Jews as both "faithless" and "spiritually corrupt." According to Rudin, Moon believes the slaughter of six million Jews during World War was a "cleansing sacrifice for having killed Jesus of Nazareth."

He also noted that Moon's teachings are "totalitarian at heart" and constitute a "severe threat to our democratic institutions."

Rudin and Hendricks attacked Moon's methods of recruiting and psychologically brainwashing persons into staying in his flock. "You always have the right to leave the Christian church or a Jewish synagogue," Rudin said.

Both theologians said one of the main concerns of traditional leaders is that Moon has used his followers, who are called "slaves", to build a fantastic economic and political base. Reports indicate Moon controls a financial empire estimated at more than \$60 million and has been linked politically with the government of South Korea, his home country.

Both men agreed that Moon should be considered a serious threat and not as a "kook."

"Moon offers warmth and sense of community," Rudin said. "This is what we have claimed to offer. But religious institutions have neglected spiritual values. He advocates a return to the basics of prayer, faith and fellowship."

"It has to be that sense of fellowship that draws young people age 18 to 30," Rudin said.

Otherwise, he noted, "Moon's theology wouldn't draw flies."

Henricks added that a good press and a strong educational process would do much to combat the rising membership of the Moon movement. "We need to educate our children in the proper Christian doctrine," he said.

During a question and answer period with news media here, a well-dressed young man identified himself as an active member of the Unification Church. In response to accusations from Hendricks and Rudin, he claimed they "misunderstood" the Unification Church when they leveled charges of anti-Semitism and mind control.

The "Moonie," Steve Wilson, said he is a former Southern Baptist and has been a member of the Moon church for 18 months. He said he serves as a lecturer for the church.

Admitting to fund raising projects by the church, Wilson was uncertain for what purposes the \$60 million raised by the Moon church had been used. He further stated that the Moon church does not use mind control, citing himself as an example.

Rabbi Rudin said the "Moonies" are different from other minor religions like the Hare Krishnas in that "they have a lot of money and may be connected with a dictatorial government."

He said that Moon has about 70 "front organizations" around the country operating under all kinds of different names, but all for Moon. Wilson was unable to dispute the charges.

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necessary to save the Health Clinic in Nigeria, West Africa. (Both of these items were reported on in detail in the March issue of the Baptist Informer).

Convention officials report that they are confident that the additional funds will be raised without difficulty. "If every one will do just a little bit more," stated the president, "we can easily raise the budgeted amount."

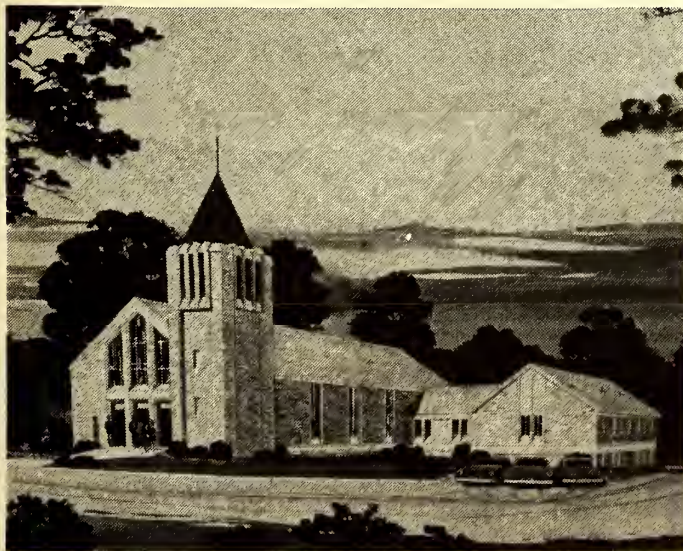
The problems come when some pastors and leaders take an indifferent attitude and fail to do anything. If the pastors will only relay the message to the people, they will respond", declared Dr. Johnson. "We should begin early preparing to

bring a liberal contribution to this session," stated Dr. Sherrill. "If the leaders do their part, if the pastors do their part, if the moderators do their part, I'm confident that the people will respond positively to the Cause. This is the Lord's work and we know that it is a vital work. The Lord is depending of each of us to do our best," continued Dr. Sherrill.

It has been a number of years since a session of the G.B.S.C. has been held in Riedsville, but those who attended the last one can testify that it was well - entertained by the First Baptist Church.

The First Baptist Church of Riedsville is located at 401 Hubbard Street; Zip 27320.

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Dr. C.C. Craig

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Secretary. I have travelled from the mountains to the sea in all kinds of weather, fair and foul. I have had the experience of working with moderators, pastors, church leaders, and heads of our convention's auxiliaries in training institutes, workshops and seminars. As a faithful and loyal worker of the convention, under the banner of the Executive Secretary, I have answered every call and responded to every demand of duty.

It is my firm belief that the Lord, has prepared me to be promoted to the office of the Executive Secretary upon the retirement of Dr. O.L. Sherrill in 1977, because of the following reasons: Fourteen years of experience in the General Baptist State Convention work; ten years of experience in teaching Baptist Doctrine on the national level; and fourteen years of experience working with the Co-operative Ministries of the Baptist State Convention.

While as Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, I will use effectively my fourteen years of experience and ideas, with God's help, to continue the programs, plans and objectives of the convention and implement the adapted constitution.



This photo shows the members of the Executive Committee last March 8, as they listen to Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of GBSC and member of the N.C. House of Representatives, explain the procedure by which the new Executive Secretary of the GBSC would be selected. Many familiar faces may be seen in the photo.

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to the work of this great convention, which is the Lord's work.

I pledge to work with all the officers, moderators, pastors, and the people in an effort to make our convention bigger and better. I pledge to be a good promoter of the plans, programs and objectives of the convention.

With your prayers, loyal support and cooperation, that I am confident you will give, it does not yet appear what our convention shall be."

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Reverend C.C. Craig, a native of Union County, attended the public school systems of the county and graduated from the Western Union High School. He attended the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Divinity at Shaw University and graduated with an A.B. and B.D. Degrees. He holds also a Master of Divinity Degree from the Divinity School.

In addition to his college and seminary work, he completed the requirements for a diploma in clinical pastoral training at the School of Pastoral Care, North Carolina Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Winston - Salem, North Carolina.

He has done further study towards a Master of Theology at the Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina. He holds an honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Friendship College, Rock Hill, South Carolina. As a result of his having traveled the length and breadth of the State, giving insight and guidance to the church and denominational groups in advancing Christian

Education in an effort to bring men nearer to the spirit of a beloved Christian fellowship, Shaw University Divinity School honored him, in 1974, with a Doctor of Divinity Degree.

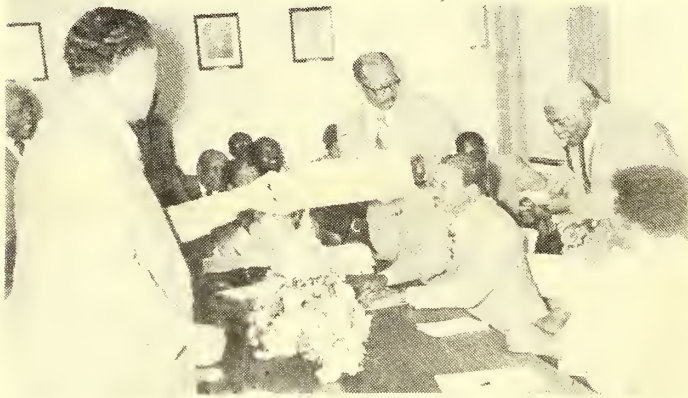
Reverend Craig is the President of the Yadkin

Philadelphia Sunday School Convention and Chairman of the Ordaining Board of the Yadkin Philadelphia Association. he is an appointed Missionary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and received a Merit Award for ten years of faithful service.

He is the Assistant Executive Secretary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, which is composed of 1700 churches and more than 355,000 Baptist. On the National level, Dr. Craig is a teacher of Baptist Doctrines in the National Baptist Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress which is the largest Black Baptist group in America.

When the celebration of the selection of the new Executive Secretary subsided, it was announced that an immediate search for an Assistant Executive Secretary to replace Dr. Craig would begin. President Johnson requested that all Baptists pray for the benediction of the Lord to be upon Dr. Craig's work and that the Holy Spirit guide our search for an Assistant Executive Secretary.

Countdown to Choice of G. B. S. C. Executive Secretary



This photo shows Dr. T.R. Manley, Chapel Hill, taking up ballots at the Executive Committee meeting where Dr. C.C. Craig was named successor to Dr. O.L. Sherrill as Executive Secretary of the GBSC.



This is the Executive Committee before the ballots were counted during the selection of a new Executive Secretary for the GBSC. Last March 8, at Baptist Headquarters. Chairman, Dr. Jerry Drayton, and Dr. Johnson are seated at the head of the table.



This photo shows the joy and exuberance of the brethren after the ballots were counted. Dr. C.C. Craig is standing at the head of the table in center of photo No. 1.

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Graduation Spirit In Air At Home

Raleigh — Graduation is always the dominating Spirit of the month of May, when May comes the Spirit comes with it. This May will be no different from many others in the past, except that graduation exercises will be bigger and better. As the school year winds to a close, students across the nation can be seen and heard busily preparing for final exams and last minute requirements. Most excited of all, are the high school and college students who will march down the aisle for the last time. When we see them so excited, our hearts move within us because we know something of the prayers and sacrifices that it has taken to bring them to that grand and glorious occasion.

After graduation, of course, will be the usual vacation trips, the summer conferences and the annual convention sessions. Baptists love vacation time and many meaningful and vital activities have been planned.

The schedule of events at Shaw University are as follows:
Friday, May 13, Senior Banquet - 7:30 p.m.

Student Union Ball Room
Admission Free - Contact Alumni Relations for tickets.

Saturday, May 14 Continental Breakfast for

Alumni and students - 8:30 a.m.

Student Union Ball Room

Annual Alumni meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Student Union Ball Room

Annual Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

University Church

112 Convocation For The Conferring of Degrees - 3:00 p.m.

Raleigh Memorial Auditorium
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Some other important Dates are:

June 3, 1977 Henry Martin
Tupper Memorial Banquet
Student Union Ball Room -
7:00 p.m.

June 13-17, 1977 Annual Church
Leaders' Conference of
Ministers and Lay Leaders -
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Executive Committee Shown With
Hands Clapsed in Unity

Raleigh — This photo shows the members of the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention with hands clapsed in unity as a follow up to the Election of Dr. C.C. Craig as Executive Secretary - Treasure of the General Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Craig has called upon all Baptists to continue their dedicated and loyal support of the Lord's work through the Unified Program. He was elected last March 8, in a very lively baptistic meeting at the headquarters building in Raleigh.

At Baptist Reception

Baptist Execs Introduced And Honored

Raleigh — Officials of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina sponsored an informal reception last April 8th in which Dr. O.L. Sherrill (out going Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention) was honored and Dr. C.C. Craig (Executive Secretary - elect, General Baptist State Convention) was presented as the new executive. The brief reception, held at the Baptist State Convention Headquarters building on Hillsborough Street, was well attended by the officials and department workers of the Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Corbin Cooper, Director of

Cooperative ministries with General Baptist, stated that the purpose of the reception was to honor Dr. Sherrill for his 30 years of dedicated and effective service to the Lord's work and to introduce Dr. Craig as his successor. Seen at the reception were many long standing friends of the General Baptist. Dr. Cecil A. Ray, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, stated that he was delighted to have the privilege of knowing and serving with the two distinguished Black Baptist leaders. There was a general atmosphere of praise and enthusiasm about the brightness of

the future of both conventions. Dr. Ray, who is also new in the position of General Secretary, expressed a hope that the fine relationships that have always existed can continue in the future.

Both Dr. Craig and Dr. Sherrill were highly elated about the occasion and pledged continued good will between the Conventions. Dr. Craig stated that he had already become acquainted with many of the Baptist State Convention officers and workers, and had found each of them to be genuine Christian brothers.



Left to Right, Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. Corbin Cooper, Dr. Cecil A. Ray, Dr. O.L. Sherrill. In background, L. to R., Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Mrs. Margarie Dunn, and Miss Shirley Williams.

Call To GBSC

One Day Session At Reidsville

Raleigh — The One-Day Session of our Convention will be held at the First Baptist Church, Reidsville, May 4. The Reverend E.M. Brown, Pastor.

The purpose of this meeting is three-fold: (1) to serve as a source of inspiration, (2) to bring reports up-to-date as a sort of gage for measuring how well the Convention's proposed activities are being fulfilled, and (3) to raise money for our objectives.

We are going to raise at least \$50,000 on that day for our objectives: Shaw University, The Divinity School, Central Orphanage, State Foreign Missions and The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly

Since you have shown a great interest in the growth and development of our Convention, we are counting on you to be present and bring a liberal contribution for this effort.

Don't forget the DATE, the PLACE, and the PURPOSE!!

The following are directions to the church.

Via Winston-Salem — Take Highway 158 East to Reidsville. Stay on business 158 into Reidsville until you reach Hubbard Street and turn right.

Via Raleigh - Durham — Take Interstate 85 South and take the Elon College Exit near Burlington. Continue through Elon College to highway 87. Take highway 87 West into Reidsville. Highway 87 becomes Barnes Street upon entering Reidsville. Follow Barnes Street to Lawsonville Avenue. Go two blocks and turn left on Hubbard Street.

Via Charlotte-Greensboro — Take 29 North out of Greensboro. Stay on 29 North until you reach the junction of 29 North and Highway 87. Turn left at the Holiday Inn. Continue to Lawsonville Avenue. Turn right on Lawsonville Avenue. Go two blocks and make a left turn on Hubbard Street.

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The Most Influential Person

By Donald Ray Jenkins
First Baptist Church
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The Black minister who is called and ordained by God is the most influential person in the Black race. His power and influence depending upon their diversity affect the life styles of the local, state, and national Black and in many instances White community. He sets the pace for any type of major changes which involve his race. He may be regarded as a sort of Moses who leads his people through the trials and difficulties of a sinful society to safety.

There are many reasons and factors involved which cause the Black minister to possess such great influence and power. In many cases, he may be far more advanced on a particular political, social, or economic issue than his immediate congregation. His greater knowledge of an issue may be the result of his attending different religious conventions, his association with fellow ministers, or his overall connection with community, civic, and business leaders. Whatever the case may be, the Black minister's prior or greater knowledge of a particular issue allows him to share his knowledge with that of his local congregation in order that they may make the right decision concerning a specific issue.

The Black minister represents a high symbol of respect before his congregation. Blacks from all walks of life take heed to his advice. His humble nature and concern for others give him a place in the hearts of the masses. Human nature reveals that when a people have high regards for a special person, then they will usually follow the counsel and guidance of that person. This means that by maintaining a high degree of respect before his congregation, the Black minister is actually able to influence or alter the attitudes and actions of an entire local community on any issue or concern.

One of the most important factors which allows the Black minister to exert great power and influence on the local, state, and national level is the simple fact that he is not paid by any one person or organization. History is the story of the fact that powerful leaders have often been brought down and made

powerless and inefficient when they were crippled through economics - lack of adequate financial resources for basic needs. This is a concern which the Black minister does not have to worry about.

His salary comes from the paychecks of the rich and poor, educated and uneducated, and the privileged and underprivileged. In that religion is a rather common bond and possibly the only common bond among Blacks, if a Black minister is relieved of his duties at a particular church, he can easily move elsewhere to obtain another church whereby his power and influence in the Black community are restored. Furthermore, if the Black minister feels a need to help a greater proportion of the Black population, he can either become affiliated with state or national organizations which are involved with the plight of Blacks in America. In addition, he may do as the late Dr. Martin Luther Jr., did-organize the masses to bring about a great social change. At any rate, the Black minister's salary will never come from one person or one source but will be derived from a network of small and large contributions. This lack of fear of economic reprisal allows the Black minister to fully execute his power and influence. Very few if any other jobs offer such refined protection.

The most effective and useful weapon with which the Black minister derives his influence and power is no doubt his conscience-his firm conviction that he must do God's will. His obligation to God and God's program results in his firm stand for justice and equality for his people. Since those who follow him recognize him as a representative of God, they are readily willing to fully cooperate with him in various matters. Yes, as the physical link between God and man, the Black minister indeed possesses a wealth of power and influence. In substance, his godly nature and conviction that he must carry out all biblical doctrines at any price and by any just means, gives him the authority to act as the chief representative of his race in a variety of situations.

Therefore, one comes to see without question or the faintest doubt that the Black minister is truly the most influential person in the Black race.

Thoughts I Think

Sign Posts On The Path

By Rev. Robert H. Wilson

Dallas, Texas - Growing up - that is, achieving selfhood, is to say the least a perilous journey! It is a road fraught with many dangers. The amazing fact is not that some do not make it to maturity with "whole selves" as trophies, but so many do make it so successfully. However lamentable our present state of moral decadence, the testimony of the very perseverance of social order is that more "endure safely to the end" the journey of growing up successfully than fail the attempt.

A much-proclaimed myth announces that some are self-made. Nothing could be more completely devoid of truth. None are self-made; none could have successfully negotiated the perils of becoming a man or a woman without someone to give guidance on the way. The exacting truth is that most of us needed, and received, much direction on our journey toward self-realization. Those individuals who made significant contributions to our sense of direction were like sign posts on our paths. Without them much wondering would have been required before we reached our destination; if, indeed, we are not to be numbered among those who got lost on the way!

Reflection on the days of growing up will recall many such sign posts, the more precious upon reflection because we probably did not recognize at the time of our encounter with them, the meaning of their contribution to our lives nor the extent of our gratitude to them for it. Most of us were blessed to have parents and-or guardians who pointed out the way. Beyond them there were often teachers, neighbors, sometimes even an older or at least more sober playmate. Some of the encounters may have been extended over months or even years, while others were fleetingly brief, indeed like "ships passing in the night," but all leaving their marks upon our lives. Many such "sign posts personalities," long deceased, lived not only in terms of those little inputs into the lives of others. Most of them were not captains of industry, not leaders of nations, nor paragons of society; they designed no buildings, enacted no laws, wrote no books; but they do live on in the most significant of all ways, in the lives of those whom the steered along life's path toward successful becoming of such men and women as achieved self-realization!

This column reaches into my thoughts of the past to recall, and to hail, some who were sign posts for my life. If today, I bear the trophy of a "whole self," much credit belongs to them. Without exception these all sleep in the Lord, but the day of awakening is certain and sure. Perhaps then, if not already now, they will know how deeply I feel my debt of gratitude to them.

Mrs. Hurd (and isn't it strange that I do not even know her first name?) was cook-housekeeper for the man I called my dad, the

late Dr. J.P. Reeder, to whom I owe so much. A procession of us fatherless or otherwise needy boys passed through Dr. Reeder's home as he provided opportunity for academic growth. Mrs. Hurd mothered us all, with a full measure of tender-loving care! Dr. Reeder's table provided vegetables beyond the poverty-limited range of my previous experience. My first reaction of disliking all with which I was not familiar was simply unacceptable to Mrs. Hurd. She insisted that I taste and eat. Her insistence led me to discover appreciation for most vegetables whereas upon meeting her I had thought that I disliked most! Strange, how evoking her memory brings back thoughts long since forgotten. I recalled her as the one person whom I have known who liked cornbread with vast quantities of ice cream which she could consume any hour of the day or night.

Dr. J. Andrew Simmons was my principal at the Booker T. Washington High School in my home town, the one "black" high school in the city at that time. Very black in a day when blackness of skin was not worn as a badge of pride, Dr. Simmons was the much respected educator who was both loved and feared by his students (and I think now by his faculty also!). Perhaps it would be better to say that we held him in awe. He gave the appearance of being a man of pride and competence; demanding of "excellence" from his students as he so often stated, but at the same time understanding. It seems that I can almost hear his ringing words and see his shaking cheeks as he urged us to remember that no real freedom can be had without paying the price of responsibility. He taught us so much by just being the quality person which he was. When a "star" in the annual musical presentation became careless with some rule of the school because he thought himself indispensable to the performance, Dr. Simmons promptly suspended the young



man and sang the part in the production himself. And, might I add sang it to the applause of the student body and the community.

There were so many others who were sign posts in my life; like the elementary teacher who out of her own pocket bought shoes for me because she saw the holes in the ones I wore, like the college professor who constantly upbraided us for being a "dumb" in his determined effort to instill in our hearts a hunger to know, like the Dean of my Seminary who would not even listen to my determination to skip college and take the then available B. Th. degree based on high school diploma, and on the list could go seemingly without end.

These all helped to guide me on that perilous journey of growing up, of achieving the maturity of self-realization! May their long sleep now be sweeter in the realization of their accomplishments. May I never cease to keep them alive in my memories of the past, nor fail to bless the days when our paths cross and they, through the providential goodness of God, became sign posts for my journey!

Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His highest willingness. -Richard Trench

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Terry Promoted

Martinsburg, W. Virginia — The Reverend Fredrick D. Terry, a Shaw Alumnus and former pastor of West Durham Baptist Church, has received a promotion, making him the third highest ranking Black Chaplain in the U.S. Army. He has been promoted to Chief of Chaplain Service at the Veteran's Hospital in Marion, Indiana. Reverend Terry is the third Black Chaplain Service. He will be transferred from his old position as a Staff Chaplain in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia to his new position on May 8, 1977.

In his new position, Chaplain Terry will be in charge of coordinating and supervising religious services and activities for a 1,200 bed hospital. There will be a staff of thirteen (13) chaplains, representing three (3) religious faiths: Jewish, Protestant and Catholic.

During the past six (6) years, Chaplain Terry has been a staff Chaplain at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Martinsburg, West Virginia. He is married to the former Miss Alberta Gibbons of Raleigh, N.C. and is a native of Elerby, N.C. The Terrys have three (3) children, two sons and a daughter. Chaplain Terry is a 1958 graduate of the Shaw Divinity School.

As a Baptist Pastor, Reverend Terry was active and dynamic. In 1970, he led his congregation at West Durham Baptist Church in the construction of a completely new church edifice. He has continued through the years to make outstanding contributions to the Baptist cause, and is a loyal supporter of Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School.



Youngsters Burn Records & Tapes

YANCEYVILLE (RNS) — Some \$400 worth of mostly rock records, tapes and magazines were burned in a bonfire here by a group of young people as a sign of their "total commitment to God."

This was the second such ceremony in recent months by new converts to the Commonwealth Baptist Church near here. Some 30 local young people took part in the latest burning.

Parents of some of the youths thought they should sell the items instead of burning them, said the Rev. Alan Smith, pastor of the church. But the young people held that "if this material was wrong for them, it would be wrong for someone else, too."

"The new converts felt the items (most of which dealt with rock music) distracted them from a total commitment to God," Mr. Smith said. "Some of the teens were almost to the point of worshipping some of the rock stars. These young people came to the realization that these persons were not the kind to be imitated."

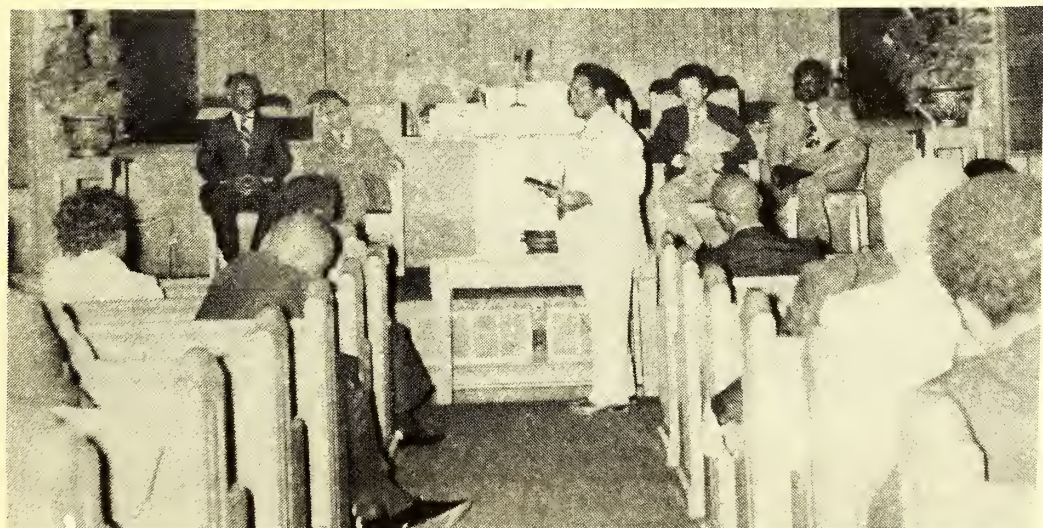
Shaw's Pastor's Conference



100 or more ministers who attended the Conference.



Dr. Williams, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University.



Seated second from left Dr. C. Copher, second from right Dr. Williams and center Dr. Alexander.

Raleigh — Three photographs of the fourth Annual Pastor's Conference, sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School, reveal some of the vitality and inspiration which over 100 ministers experienced last March 21-23.

Following the Conference theme: "An Examination of the Roots of Religious Resurgence In America," Dr. Charles B. Copher, Atlanta, and Dr. Robert C. Williams, Nashville, kept the conference alive as the delved into the subject.

Photograph No. 1 shows Dr. Williams, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, as he told the ministers: "Religious excitement is the stuff that oozes out of human existence and sets us on fire like Moses at the burning bush."

Dr. Charles B. Copher set up a genuine challenge for the ministers to return to serious scholarship. Copher, Vice-president for Academic Affairs, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, made out a strong case for black roots for much of the Biblical history. He traced the terms Niger and Cush (Ethiopia) back into Africa and the Hebrew culture.

Both Williams and Copher declared that much of what we have written in the Bible and other religious literature has come as Revelation from God; but we have a version that has been shaped by the interpretations of numberless writers.

The hearts of those attending the conference were lifted into the presence of the Almighty God by Dr. Samuel Proctor, pastor, Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York. He preached a sermon entitled "Sampson - A Story of a Wasted Life" (Judges 20:16) "... He did not know that the Lord had left him."

Dr. Proctor stated that Sampson wasted his life on selfish exploits, and in the end was destroyed by the very evil that he loved so well. Sampson loved strange women that were among the Lord's enemies.

Photograph No. 2 records Dr. Alexander, Dean of the Civinity School as he instructs the Conference. Dr. Copher is seated second from left on the pulpit and Dr. Williams is seated second from the right on the pulpit.

Photograph No. 3 gives a view of a large number of the 100 or more ministers who attended the conference.

Centennial To Be Observed In Old Eastern

By R.B. Johnson

Bethel — The Middle District Union of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association is a Bee-Hive of activity as plans are being finalized for the Union's Centennial observance which will take place the week of May 23-29. Plans call for a one hundred voice choir to provide music each night, Monday through Thursday; the Union will follow its regular format Friday through Sunday afternoon; the final service

commemorating one hundred years of service and fellowship will be held on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, President of the Woman's Department, is coordinating the plans for the observance. A Centennial Program is being prepared which will contain pictures and Historical sketches of the Union's twenty-five churches.

Three well-known ministers served as evangelists for revival services which were held during

the past month. Rev. Dr. Percy High led off the Spring Revival Services with a week of services at the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Greenville where Rev. O'Kelly Lawson services as pastor.

The second week of services were held at the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church in Greenville with Rev. William B. Moore, former pastor of Cornerstone, Greenville, now pastoring in Philadelphia, Pa. serving as evangelist. Rev. B.B. Felder is

pastor of Sycamore Hill.

The third in the series of revival services was held at the Saint John Baptist Church of Falkland, N.C.; these services were conducted by Dr. C.R. Mosley, Pastor of 1st Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C.

If attendance, cooperation between churches, and favorable comments can be used as criteria for judging success then all of the revivals appear to have met a need.

At J. J. Johnson Assembly

Renewal, Refreshment, Relaxation, Rest, Aid And Rebirth

Laurel Hill — Before God's grace can have a chance to do its regenerating work on the human soul, the individual must be relaxed enough to receive it; that is why the Psalmist said: "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) It is difficult, if not impossible, for God to help us in our infirmities while we are exciting, fighting, and running away. God works

best in an atmosphere of Trust, Love and Faith.

The foregoing is the kind of thinking out of which the ideas for the J.J. Johnson Assembly grew. It was a recognition that man does not live by bread alone, that inspired Black Baptist to begin developing a place where the human soul can find repose. Black people as a whole have been so accustomed

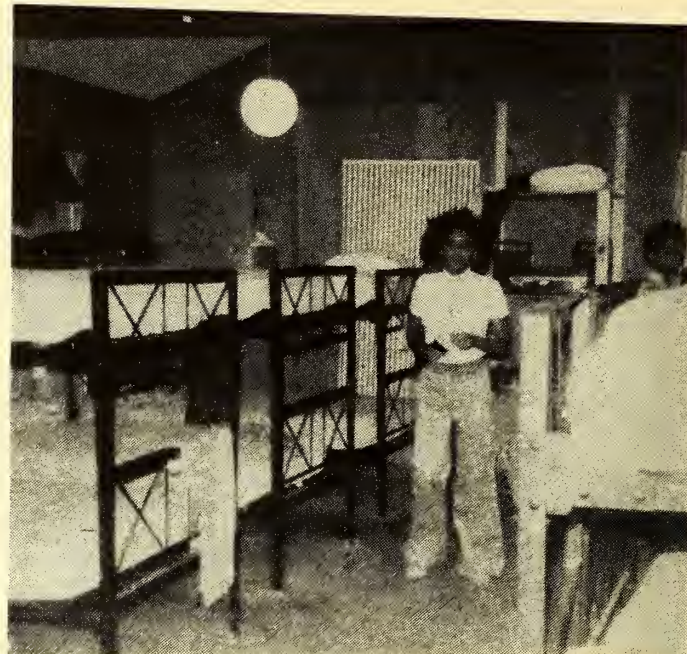
to working until they have come to believe that it is a sin to rest and play. Very few Black families even to this day, know what it means to take a week off to relax and rest. Thus countless numbers are up with heart failure and nervous breakdowns. The writer hastens to say that this does not preclude the fact that many white families also fall into this category.

There is something about the sound of worlds like Renewal, Refreshment, Relaxation, and Rest that give them a vital ring. How many people today are to of sorts with nerves on edge, simply because of a lack of rest; much of which is due to the fact that there are very few places left where good clean-noise-free rest can be found. Ours is a noise oriented generation. The roar of lust and the pursuit of fleshly pleasures is so loud until the "still small voice of God" is seldom heard in our land. Yet, as Christians we must continue to proclaim that "you must be born again." However, we know that re-birth in the Spirit must come to the soul that has heeded the call of God: "Be still and know that I am God."

The day is here when Baptist leaders must begin to see and understand the relationship of these concepts to the over-all program of our churches and the GBSC. Leaders all over the state have awakened to the call for rest and repose. Many leaders have discovered that it can be found at the Assembly. The Baptist Assembly is ours, we own it, we made it what it is. Now we must put our shoulders to the wheel and help complete that most vital project. One of the most urgent needs at the Assembly now is a Chapel. The chapel is under construction, but we need funds to complete it.

When the youth go there to camp, they ought to be able to have a place that speaks to their hearts about the love of Jesus Christ. Somewhere on that dedicated land, there needs to be a still small voice that calls our youth from the world of pleasure and sin to the new birth in Jesus Christ.

This issue of the Baptist Informer carries some of the schedule of activities that will be carried on at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly this summer.



One of the girls dormitories at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly.



Some youth from First Baptist, Clinton on a retreat at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly last October.

Accommodations For The Missionary Training Conference

At J. J. Johnson Assembly

Dear Co-Worker:

The time is here again for:
THE 40TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF OUR MISSIONARY
TRAINING CONFERENCE
JUNE 6-10, 1977 - SEND IN
REGISTRATION EARLY.
BEGIN NOW!

THE 26TH ANNUAL YOUTH
BIBLE CAMP AND CHARM
CLINIC

JUNE 12-JULY 1 (3 weeks)
ALL TO BE HELD AT THE
J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST
ASSEMBLY, LAUREL HILL,
NORTH CAROLINA

Now is the time to elect your
delegates to the Missionary
Conference and the Youth Bible
Camp. Begin sending in names
and Advance Registration Fee.
Make all checks payable to

WOMAN'S BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Please select your young
people of GOOD BEHAVIOR.
Youth from the age of 8-17 years
may attend. All ages may attend
the week that is most con-
venient. The camp weeks are:

1st week - June 12-17
2nd week - June 19-24
3rd week - June 26 - July 1
REGISTRATION AND ROOM
ASSIGNMENT EACH SUNDAY
AFTERNOON

FEES PER WEEK

LEADERSHIP TRAINING
CONFERENCE:

Room and Board \$40.00
Registration 5.00
Total \$45.00
Each Missionary Department
should send at least 2 women for
Study

YOUTH BIBLE CAMP:

Room and Board \$40.00

Registration 5.00

Total \$45.00

Each Missionary Department
should send Youths to Camp

NO MONEY REFUNDED

NO MONEY WILL BE
REFUNDED. Please select a
substitute Camper for each
camper you plan to send to
Camp. If Mary Smith is elected
to attend camp select another
camper to take her place if
something happens to Mary
Smith.

The Fees include Accident and
Sickness Insurance for all and
also Swimming for Campers.
REPORT FOR CAMP EACH
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

WHAT TO BRING: 2 sheets - 1
pillow case - 1 light blanket -
soap, towels - toiletries - flash
light - Bible - money for Study
Book - a small cotton rug to use
when sitting on the ground -
swimming suit - Love and
Kindness.

150 Campers can be ac-
commodated each week. The
first 150 Campers sending in fees
will be accepted for the first
week.

Deadline for Camper
Registration June 1, 1977

WE HAVE CAMP T-SHIRTS
\$3.50 EACH. NAME OF CAMP
ON EACH — COME
PREPARED TO PURCHASE
ONE.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. M.A. Horne
(Berthenia D.)

P.S. JULY 9 — ALL BAPTIST
PICNIC — BAPTIST ASSEM-
BLY PREACHING —
DEDICATION OF BUILDING
— SINGING — GAMES

State Baptist Training Union Congress Sponsors Contest

THE GENERAL BAPTIST
STATE CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA,
INC.
STATE BAPTIST
TRAINING UNION
CONGRESS
PRESENTS
1977 JAMES F.
WERTZ ORATORICAL
CONTEST

The Subjects are as follows:
"GOOD NEWS IN A TIME OF
CRISES"
"SHARING OUR CHRISTIAN
FAITH"
"BUILDING A LIFE FOR
CHRIST"
"CHRIST IS THE ANSWER"

"DOING GOD'S WORK"
"WILL THERE BE PEACE
ON EARTH?"
"NO ROOM FOR QUIT-
TERS"
"THE MASTER IS ABLE"
"A RECIPE FOR HAP-
PINESS"
"PREPARE TO SERVE"
"THE CROSS AND THE
CROWN"
"THE WINNING WITNESS"
"LIVING UP TO YOUR
CALLING"
"THE CHRISTIAN'S IN-
FLUENCE"
"FACING THE FUTURE
WITH COMMITMENT"
"RELIGION AND LEAR-

NING"

This year's rules are:

1. The contest is open to high
school graduates and college
freshmen who are active Baptist
Training Union or Sunday School
students.

2. Contestants must be cer-
tified by a local B.T.U. Director
or Sunday School superin-
tendent.

3. Each contestant will choose
one of the subjects listed above.

4. Each contestant must
compose and learn his speech.

5. Each contestant will have
five minutes for delivery.

6. Contestants will be judged
by competent judges on content,

composition and delivery.
Content will count 25 percent,
composition 25 percent and
delivery 50 percent.

7. The three top winners will
receive scholarships and cer-
tificates of participation. First
place \$150.00; second place
\$100.00; and third place \$50.00.

8. Non-winning contestants
will receive \$5.00 each and a
certificate of participation.

Each year, young people are
encouraged to enter the James
F. Wertz B.T.U. Oratorical
Contest, sponsored as a part of
the State B.T.U. Congress. This
not only is an opportunity, but a
privilege.

Churches, Associations and
District Conventions can do
much to encourage and inspire
young people to take advantage
of this opportunity.

Local church contests,
associational contests, county-
wide contests, district contests,
etc., should precede the state
contest, and the winner of each
district contest will compete at
the state level.

Those interested should write
Mrs. Emaretta T. Felton,
Director of Oratorical Contest,
1812 Armstrong Street,
Fayetteville, North Carolina
28301

Statewide Leader's Workshop Held

Some 700 senior, young adult and youth leaders assembled at the Martin Street Baptist and St. Matthews A.M.E. Churches, Raleigh, Saturday, April 2, to emphasize the need for "planned preparation" relative to Christian Leadership. The Workshop was sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., Mrs. J.B. McLester, Durham, president and Mrs. M.A. Horne, Winston Salem, executive secretary - treasurer and Workshop Coordinator.

From the Theme, "Progress Through Planned Preparation", many leaders agreed that, "good leadership and good planning go hand in hand". "Other things being equal, the most fruitful leader will be one who has made a plan and followed it."

The Devotion lead by Mrs. Georgia Thompson was enjoyed by all, because it was well-planned. First Vice-President Georgia Turner, Lumberton, greeted the assembly in the absence of President McLester. She was attending the funeral of Mrs. Nola Beck, Asheville. Mrs. Turner reminded the sisters of "God's Goodness". She stated that she was hoping that each had come with the attitude of the writer in Isaiah 55:3, "Incline your ear and come unto me; hear and your soul shall live". She challenged them to "go below the surface and receive God's Blessings; go beyond the normal, listen, and participate with all that God gives one."

Dr. C.C. Craig, newly elected executive secretary - treasurer, General Baptist State Convention, Inc. and Dr. Paul Johnson, minister, Martin Street Baptist Church extended greetings.

Mrs. Horne talked about "good leadership versus good planning" and the Woman's Convention's calendar of events. She stressed the need for more support in all areas and thanked the delegates for striving to "always be the 'best stewardship convention' in the nation'.

Mrs. R.D. Lucas, chairperson, One - Day District Conference, No. 3, Group 1 and Mrs. H.S. Diggs, Charlotte, gave a demonstration, which illustrated their method of teaching the Woman's Convention Program with "True and False Statements".

In presenting the theme address, Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, second vice president, Goldsboro, stressed the following ideas: (1) Seeking God's Guidance in setting Goals (2) Visualizing the Goal completed (3) Trusting God, others and self and (4) Preserving or keeping at it until the goal is completed ... in spite of the obstacles.

The day ended on a high note with Rev. S.R. Johnson, pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury and its choir under the auspices of Waverly Camp rendering service. Rev. Johnson expounded from the Annual Convention theme "Arise, Let Us Go Hence", following an introduction by Dr. Sherrill, Ex-

Sec. Treas. He emphasized the following points: (1) A good leader doesn't expect his disciples to do what he does not

do (2) Knows his business and is not afraid of his job and (4) Knows where he is going.

It was reported that the Young

Adults under the direction of Mrs. Bronnie Daniels had a most inspiring session, also the Youth under the supervision of Mrs. Eva Pratt.



Executive Secretary M.A. Horne receives \$100.00 toward construction of a new library in Brewerville Liberia from Mrs. H.V. Brown during Missionary Day at First African Baptist Church in Goldsboro. She told the women: "Let us arise and go hence".



A view of part of the delegation that attended the WBH & FMC's Leaders' Workshop at Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Paul Johnson, pastor.

Echoes From The Field

Dear Mrs. Horne,

Too seldom do we let people know how much we appreciate a great service. I want you to be cognizant of the fact that Saturdays' workshop was one of the most productive. The planning, timing and calibre of performance was superb.

Please share with the committee and your staff our sincere

appreciation for such a valuable group. You have truly heightened not only your abilities, but your status as real leaders in the Baptist World.

May God continue to bless each one of you.

Most Sincerely,
Marian H. Bass
High Point



FIRST FELLOWSHIP BANQUET

Fairmont — Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse is shown pinning a corsage on Mrs. Luella D. Edwards during the First Annual Fellowship Banquet sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Union of Robeson County. The Banquet was held at the Fairmont High School. Mrs. Edwards spoke on the Convention Theme: "Arise, Let Us Go Hence".

Speaker At Missionary Union

By Mrs. Clara Ballentine

Smithfield — On March 13, Mrs. J.B. McLester, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, was guest speaker at the Johnston District Missionary Union, held with the Mitchener Memorial Baptist Church in Smithfield, N.C. President McLester was introduced by Mrs. Salome McClain, First Vice President of the Johnston County Union.

Mrs. McLester expressed gratitude that we were following the general theme of the State Convention, "Freedom and Responsibility." In her opening remarks, she also stated her delight that so many of our circles are using *The Helper* in their meetings. We were encouraged to pass our old *Helpers* on to circles that are not using them. This might encourage and inspire them to begin using them. She congratulated the body on incorporating the objectives of the State Convention in our program and on involving the Young Adult and the Junior Departments.

From our theme, Mrs. McLester chose for her topic, "Living a Responsible Life." She gave us a question to think on: "Are we free to do our own

thing?"

Some highlights of the address given by President McLester were:

1. We stress Christ in every home. God is our director and our guide, so we should use the Bible, the book in which we can find his work.

2. Growth involves study and sharing. If you're going to tell others, you're going to have to study.

3. We must begin with the basics, not in mid-air. Be sure that we are a Christian, that we love Christ; that we study; that we believe his word.

4. We should be Christians, so that we can grow in his will. This involves repenting of our sins, getting rid of selfishness, and obeying his commandments.

5. We must study the Bible as the authority, not just as ancient history. We are responsible to interpret and present the word to all.

6. We should be enthusiastic. Enthusiasm is necessary to be able to hold people. It is one of God's greatest gifts. It is necessary that we have an inner awareness of what is going on in our world.

7. We don't have to be drab and shut ourselves up from the world, but know what is going on



MRS. J. B. McLESTER

in the world in order to be able to stay on the right track.

8. As Christians we are God's helpers. Prayer is our main instrument. We need to love in our hearts. We need to listen. We need to lift.

9. Prayer puts us in touch with Christ. It removes our weaknesses and makes us bold.

President McLester closed her inspiring message with the question: "Are we going to be responsible?" "Tomorrow begins today."

Convention To Sponsor Plane To Sunday School And B.T.U. Congress

Dear Friend(s):

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has chartered a plane for the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress meeting in Houston, Texas, June 20-24, 1977. Passengers will board the plane at the Douglas Airport, Charlotte on Sunday, June 19 at 10:01 p.m. EDT and will arrive in Houston, Texas at 11:15 p.m. CDT. We will leave Houston on Friday, June 24 at 11:00 p.m. CDT and will arrive in Charlotte at 2:10 a.m. EDT.

The round trip fare is \$200.00. This amount includes your transportation from the Douglas Airport, Charlotte to Houston, Texas and back, transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling and room at the Savoy Hotel, accommodating two persons per room. For those desiring a private room, the round trip fare is \$230.00. A deposit of \$50.00 will reserve a seat for you on the plane and the balance is due by May 10, 1977.

Please fill out the enclosed form and return it to our office with your deposit. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist Plane.

For further information contact O.L. Sherrill of C.C. Craig at Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Sincerely,
O.L. Sherrill
C.C. Craig

Please enroll me for the trip to Houston, Texas, June 19-24, 1977. My deposit of \$50.00 per person is enclosed.

NAME _____ DATE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

Street or Box

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TELEPHONE _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

SIGNED: _____

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Kidney Machine Offers

Test Of Faith For Rev. Roland Perry

Henderson - The Baptist Informer learn recently that Dr. Roland Perry, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson, N.C., has suffered a malfunction of his kidneys and has to spend several hours a week on a dialysis machine. Dr. Perry is a Shaw University Divinity School Alumnus, and a member of the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention.

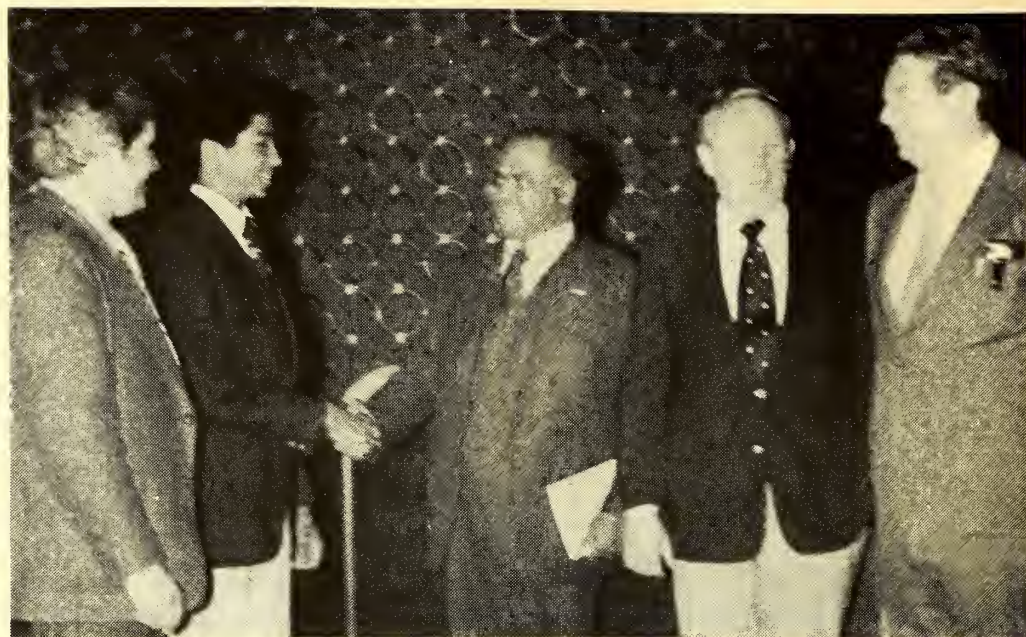
In a recent interview with Dr. Perry, the Baptist Informer learned that he had been experiencing difficulty with his kidney for quite sometime. He was first allowed to use a dialysis machine at Duke Hospital, where the waiting list is unbelievably long. Now he has been able to lease a machine and keep it in his own home where he can take the treatment without traveling the long distance to Durham.

The Dialysis Kidney Machine is a very highly technical and sophisticated piece of equipment which is designed to take impurities out of the blood system

when the kidneys are unable to function.

It takes several laws on the machine two or three times a week to get the blood into the proper condition. The blood is taken out of the body through a hypodermic needle attached to a tube that carries it into the machine. The blood is purified and returned to the arteries. Dr. Perry is placed on the machine by his devoted wife; who had to undergo extensive training to learn how to operate the machine.

The Perrys, who have three children, have taken the challenge in stride. The financial costs of the operation are phenomenal, but they have taken it with grace. Many friends, and his church family have contributed to this cause. The Shaw Theological Alumni Association gave a contribution toward his relief and pledged to make the situation known to others so that they might also share his "Test of Faith" in a financial way. When one listen to Reverend Perry talk about his



Stephen Earl Whitted, second from left, chatting with: Senator Russell Walker, Asheboro, Zeb Alley, Waynesville, Senator Joe Palmer, 27th District and Senator John Winters, center of photo, Raleigh.

Baptist Youth Serves As Page

Raleigh — Stephen Earl Whitted, son of Attorney and Mrs. Earl Whitted, Jr. of Goldsboro, has been selected to serve as page the week of March 28 - April 1, 1977, in the North

Carolina General Assembly. He was appointed by Representative Nancy Chase of Wayne County. The photo shows Stephen, second from left, chatting with: Senator Russell

Walker, Asheboro, Zeb Alley, Waynesville, Senator Joe Palmer, 27 District and Senator John Winters, center of photo, Raleigh.

Laymen's Corner

Thank ya! Thank ya! Thank ya!

By Waverly Camp, Jr.

Raleigh — We are just happy as Gomer Pyle would be for your cooperativeness during the One-Day Session and the Laymen's Annual Fellowship Banquet. You responded beautifully; May God continue to bless you, and the Convention.

We have a new thrust before us, we must meet the challenge. Each week as I travel across this state, more and more men are expressing a desire to participate in our "lay movement". For example the following cities: Salisbury, Littleton, Roxboro, Whiteville, and others are becoming involved.

Each of us must become fieldworkers, and go out and gather up the string beans, potatoes, tomatoes, onions etc., so that the Lord can use them in building his Kingdom.

Easter has passed, Jesus has carried the cross for us; now let us pick up our load and March up and down the highways and byways of this world telling the good news: that Jesus Lives - and He wants to live in each one of us.

Things To Do

(1) Laymen should make liberal contributions to the Unified Plan"

(2) Sponsor a get together for those persons graduation from high school, technical school, colleges, and universities.

condition, there is always a feeling that here is a man, that has come to a great crisis in his life, who has met it with faith. All of us, who know the power of prayer, are called upon to pray for the healing and deliverance of Brother Perry, for we know: "That with his stripes, we are healed". (Isaiah 53:5).

(3) Plan some type of memorial service for all the veterans and deceased service persons.

(4) Plan father and son outings, banquets etc.

(5) Plan some out-door feature for yourselves and the youth — (1) fishing, camping, bowling, horseshoes, baseball etc.

In planning your Men's Day of Fathers' Day concentrate on fellowship, get to know each other. Plan activities for the young men of the church and the community. Search the bushes and courts for young men who do not necessarily have the things that the more fortunate have.

New Membership Cards

"Ye Shall Know Your Flock"

In order to group the manpower of the General Baptist Family, the State Laymen's league has recently started a membership drive. Each Laymen has been asked to become a card-carrying member of the Laymen's League. Through this means we will be able to interpret our weaknesses and strengthen both locally and regionally. The cards can be purchased for \$5.00 (five) dollars. Two dollars (\$2) goes to the local league and three dollars (\$3) goes toward the "Unified Program" of the Convention. Your field secretary will be sending out the Membership Applications in the near future. If you have not received yours, please write to Baptist Headquarters. Application blanks must accompany all monies - \$3.00 for each laymen.

Hymn of the Month

"Go, Preach My Gospel"

An old heart-warming hymn, a favorite of the Baptist Church. When I was a little boy, I

rejoiced in hearing the old long-meter arrangement of this beautiful hymn. I recall how its strength and vigor could make one feel good. Its words express the commission that Jesus give to his disciples when He ascended to heaven.

This hymn has been forgotten in most of our churches. It does not appear in many of our new hymnals. Please consider this hymn this month and use different tunes to it. Some tunes are as follows: - Hymn tunes -

- (1) Missionary Chant
- (2) Zerah
- (3) Common Meter
- (4) Arlington

The Author

This is another of Dr. Isaac Watts hymns. It is very typical of Watts' ability to arouse emotions through the use of strong word imagery. He tells it like it is.

The Hymn

"Go Preach The Gospel" Saith The Lord p. 464

"Next Month"

"Negro Spirituals"

"Pick one of your choice"

Waverly Camp, Jr.

Receives Award

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. - Ms. Barbara A. Mann, Coordinator of Alumni Relations At Shaw University, was recently honored by The Urban Youth Foundation, Inc. of Newark, New Jersey, Thursday, March 24, 1977.

She received the "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award". It was presented to her by UYF President Reverend Ralph T. Grant during the recent concert tour of The Shaw University Chorale Society.

To: The General Baptist State Convention

General Officers: Executive Officers; Auxiliaries; Churches; Associations; State Sunday School Congress; State Baptist Training Union Congress; and District Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Conventions.

By Rev. Leo Williams, Jr.

My Dear Co-Laborers with Christ:

On behalf of the Department of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated, and for myself personally, I wish to thank each of you for the effort you have put forth in support of Christian Education and moreover, the support of the General Convention's Objectives: "God's Work in His World."

At 37th Convention

Theological Alumni Officers Elected

Raleigh — The Shaw Theological Alumni Association held its Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention last March 21-23 at Shaw University. The meeting was observed in conjunction with the Shaw Divinity Schools' Fourth Annual Pastors' Conference. Familiar personalities from many sections of the Nation were seen enjoying the fellowship that always abounds at this annual theological reunion.

The annual banquet was well attended on Monday evening, March 21, in the Shaw Student Union Building. Dr. J.R. Manley was the speaker for the hour and his message was both challenging and inspiring. It was obvious that Dr. Manley is engaged in a very dynamic type ministry that has provided opportunities for substantial growth in the Grace of our Lord.

The Annual sermon was

We call upon you, as never before, to let's make this year the best ever as we work with Christ in his mission. There is much to be done, and by the help of God, our loving, our praying, our planning, and our cooperating, we are going to do the job.

TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION'S OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Department of Christian Education recommends that the State Sunday School Congress and the State Baptist Training Union Congress be designed as two distinct auxiliaries to the General Baptist State Convention. Each has: its President, its Constitution, and its specific functions. The time and place of meeting may remain the same, except that each be given an

equal amount of the time during the designated period. Further, that the president of each Congress function of the program Committee, the Executive Committee, and Budget Committee, submitting their proposed annual programs and the necessary expenditures for proper and effective implementation.

TO THE STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS PRESIDENT AND STATE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION CONGRESS PRESIDENT.

You are called upon to know and support the total program of the General Baptist State Convention, and specifically, the functions of your particular areas of work. Included in your manifold duty are: provide for and explain job descriptions to each member of your staff; plan and conduct your Congress' annual program with the assistance of your staff, the Department of Christian Education, and General Convention Officers; communicate with district convention's presidents; participate on the General Convention's Executive Committee, Program Committee, and Budget Committee; help create a Christian education consciousness in your home church, your own district association and its auxiliaries; attend the National Congress if at all convenient; keep a copy of your congress' work in your personal file, including the names and addresses of your staff, the district convention's presidents, and the local church school superintendents and B.T.U. directors; and evaluate at the close of each year's work.

TO DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AND DISTRICT B.T.U. CONVENTION PRESIDENTS

We ask each district president to please be responsible for the following: secure the names and addresses of local church school superintendents and B.T.U. directors in your district and send a copy to the Department of Christian Education, each year; send the time and place of meeting of your convention's annual session immediately (NOW); urge each Sunday School and each B.T.U. to please send messengers to the Congress which meets in Durham, July 25-

29; ask each Sunday School to pre-register with twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, and each B.T.U. to pre-register with twenty (\$20.00) dollars by sending their representation fees directly to Baptist Headquarters not later than July 22. Please remember to establish proper relation and communication with the pastor in each church in your district, because he is the "key man" in the local church. Christian Education is the whole church's affair!

TO LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS, SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND LOCAL B.T.U. DIRECTORS

It goes without saying, that you are responsible for planning, conducting, and evaluating the programs of Bible Teaching and Church Training for your church, with the assistance of your pastor and the Christian Education Committee. We are asking you to: please cooperate with your district Sunday School and B.T.U. Convention by sending a delegate and the requested representation fees to your district convention's annual meeting; please pre-register with the State Sunday School Congress and State B.T.U. Congress by sending twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for your Sunday School and twenty (\$20.00) dollars for your Baptist Training Union directly to Baptist Headquarters by July 22. Talk this over with your pastor and ask the whole church to support this effort.

TO MODERATORS OF ASSOCIATIONS

As you understand very well, your major responsibility is to lead in planning, conducting, and evaluating the effort of several churches united and affiliated under the banner of an association to better prosecute the work of Kingdom Building with Christ. Your association is the informative and supportive link between the local church and the General Baptist State Convention. May we urge you to effectively co-ordinate the work of the auxiliaries to your association so that there will be less opportunity for overlapping and duplication, hence, less confusion and frustration. We further suggest that each Association organize a Christian Education Committee comprising representation from each Auxiliary, and choose a person to serve as Director or Chairman. This committee will be given the responsibility of planning and conducting the total Christian education effort of the Association. This will take a lot of strain off the moderator.

The General Theme for the Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress is: "BIBLICAL IMAGES FOR CONTEMPORARY CULTURE." The 1977 emphases are:

1. Biblical Images of Membership in the Christian Community.
2. Preparing and Equipping Christians for Service
3. Teaching Relevance of the Church for Contemporary Culture
4. Penetrating Culture with the

Gospel

(Background scriptures are the Johannine Works and the General Epistles).

You will receive further information in a later correspondence. Thanks for your help. Let us hear from you immediately.

Yours for the Cause of Christ,
Leo Williams, Jr., Director
Department of Christian Education

General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

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School Seeks

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Professor Honored

Raleigh, N.C. - Dr. Harry Gil-Smythe, Professor of Music at Shaw University, was recently honored by the Urban Youth Foundation, Inc. of Newark, New Jersey, and the City of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dr. Gil-Smythe was honored by The Urban Youth Foundation as one of the first winners of "The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award". It was presented during ceremonies on Thursday, March 24, 1977. Dr. Gil-Smythe was in Newark with The Shaw University Chorale Society.

William S. Nelson Dies; Friend Of Gandhi, Dr. King

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — Dr. William Stuart Nelson, former dean of Howard University and well known black educator and proponent of nonviolence, died March 26 in Hyattsville, Md., at the age of 81.

He had been a friend of both the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Gandhi, walking with both in protest marches. He joined Dr. King in the march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., in 1965.

In 1946, he walked with Gandhi from village to village while trying to bring together hostile Moslem and Hindu communities in India. Dr. Nelson and his wife, Blanche, were in India on a special mission for the American Friends Service Committee. He returned to India in 1958 as a Fulbright scholar to study Gandhi's influence.

Dr. Nelson graduated from

Howard University in 1920 and Yale Divinity School in 1924. He returned to Howard in 1924 and served there for most of the next 43 years in various posts: teacher, assistant to the president, dean of the School of Religion, vice president for special projects, dean of the university. He retired in 1967, after organizing and directing Howard's year long centennial which opened September 1966.

In the 1930s, he served for five years as the first black president of Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. and served for several years as the first president of Dillard University in New Orleans.

At Howard's School of Religion, Dr. Nelson helped establish a course based on the concept of nonviolence. Dr. King was a guest lecturer on several occasions.

Anita Bryant Continues Drive Against Gay Law

MIAMI (RNS) — Singer Anita Bryant, who reportedly nearly lost a television show because of her campaign against homosexual rights, has vowed she will continue a drive to "save children" from "gay" influence.

"Homosexuals cannot reproduce, so they must recruit, and to freshen their ranks they must recruit the youth of America," she charged. "I shall continue my fight against that recruitment."

Miss Bryant, 37, a mother of four children, is founder-president of Save Our Children, Inc. She said the newly organized group has collected more than 60,000 signatures on a petition submitted to the Dade County Commission for repeal of the county's gay rights ordinance.

Over opposition led by Miss Bryant and Chicago Cubs coach Alvin Dark, the commission voted 5-3 in January to cover homosexuals in an ordinance prohibiting discrimination.

As a result of her anti-gay campaign, Miss Bryant temporarily lost a lucrative proposal to host a daytime TV show. The nationwide gay movement and its supporters threatened to boycott the chief sponsor of the show, the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Barry Drucker, president of the New York television production firm, Tele-Tactics, said in a telegram to Miss Bryant, "... We sincerely regret that the extensive national publicity arising from the controversial political activities you have been engaged in Dade County prohibits us from utilizing your service in the 'S.E.W.' pilot."

However, W. Paul Tippet, Jr., executive vice-president of Singer said the action to cancel Miss Bryant's participation in the pilot show had not been cleared with Singer top management, Singer policy, he said, fully supported her right to take a personal position on legitimate issues, independent of her commercial involvement with the company.

Singer officials have reaffirmed that the company is negotiating with Miss Bryant for a contract to act as hostess for the pilot program for the TV series to be aired in the Fall of

1977.

At the time of the reported cancellation, Miss Bryant charged at a news conference that "the blacklisting of Anita Bryant has started."

"I have been blacklisted for exercising the right of a mother to defend her children, and all children, against their being recruited by homosexuals," she said, holding that she "went into this thing as a concerned mother and taxpayer."

Miss Bryant, a Southern Baptist Sunday school teacher and author of several books on religious themes, said "mothers have a divine commission to protect their children from the flaunting of homosexuals."

"S.E.W." is planned to be a talk program with an emphasis on sewing, fashion, and arts and crafts. Miss Bryant described it as "wholesome family entertainment."

Bob Green, Miss Bryant's husband and business manager, called the reported cancellation "scary." He warned that "if they can intimidate a company like Singer, they can intimidate anybody — congressmen, police..."

The Greens said they have received more than 3,000 letters supporting their anti-gay campaign.

"I am accountable to God first," Miss Bryant said. "Those who do not share in my conviction may continue to blacklist my talent, but with God's help, they can never blacken my name."

Miss Bryant also does commercials for the Florida Citrus Commission and First Federal Savings and Loan. Both organizations said they have no plans to cancel her contracts, though they have been flooded with letters from homosexuals and their sympathizers urging cancellation of her contract. Similar letters have gone to the Orange Bowl Committee because she has done the TV commentary on the Orange Bowl Parade.

The Save Our Children, Inc. group in Dade County is seeking to repeal the gay rights ordinance or have it put up for referendum. Miss Bryant said if it is put up for referendum "it's going to cost taxpayers \$400,000."

Resolution Commends Anita Bryant's Stand

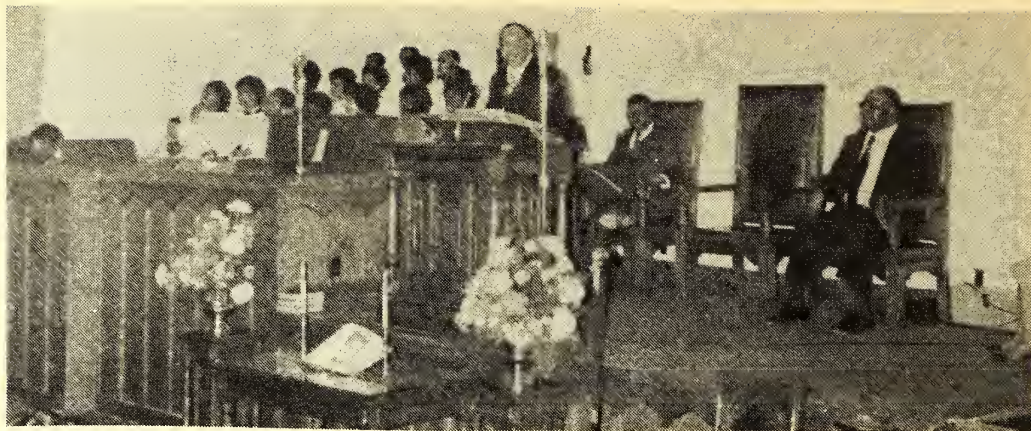
LITTLE ROCK (BP) — The Arkansas House of Representatives has adopted a resolution commending singer Anita Bryant for her "courageous and costly stand to protect American children from exposure to blatant homosexuality."

The resolution, introduced by Rep. Albert "Tom" Collier of Newport, Ark., commended Miss Bryant for her opposition to a Dade County, Fla., ordinance which would ban discrimination against homosexuals in housing and unemployment. She helped

organize a group called "Save Our Children, Inc." to fight what she sees as the gay community's recruitment of children.

For these actions by the singer and writer of Christian books, the resolution contends, Miss Bryant has faced possible loss of commercial opportunities, due to pressure from gay rights activists.

Rep. Collier is a member of First Baptist Church, Newport. Miss Bryant is also a Southern Baptist.



Dr. S.R. Johnson, pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, delivering the inspirational sermon during the WBH & FMC's Leaders' Workshop April 2, at Martin Street Baptist Church. Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. is seated at the organ, Rev. R.D. Lucas (L) and Dr. O.L. Sherrill (R). The Choir is from Mt. Zion.

Official Says

Human Rights Not A Fad

JACKSON, Miss. (BP) — Concern for human rights is not a fad in the United States, a top U.S. State Department official said at a national seminar on moral concerns here.

"I would like to get the message around the world that people who want to have good relations with this country know we are going to take human rights pretty seriously," declared Datus C. Proper, officer in charge of the office of policy planning of the Latin American Bureau of the U.S. Department of State.

The career state department officer, speaking at the meeting sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, noted that there has been a marked shift in concern for human rights since President Jimmy Carter took office.

"Things have changed in this nation since the 1970s," he said. "Then, you couldn't get public interest. People didn't pay a lot

of attention to human rights and neither did the executive branch (of government)."

He added that the level of consciousness is higher now, and predicted that the concern for basic human rights "will not pass."

He defined basic human rights as the "right not to be tortured, the right not to be murdered, the right not to be thrown into prison for long periods without trial."

The diplomat, however, told the more than 500 Southern Baptists from 25 states that the United States now "claims basic human rights transcend national boundaries."

Proper, however, warned that "balance" must be considered in international relations and cited Brazil, where concern for human rights is offset by the United States' desire to prevent nuclear proliferation.

"We must say which is more important in the long run. Human rights are important, but it is also important that no more countries get the atomic bomb."

The question of balance also must be considered in Uganda, he said, where "terrible conditions" exist, but any statements could endanger the lives of American missionaries.

"The President is faced with that kind of situation and has to be most careful," Proper said.

Proper talked of specific dilemmas facing this nation which have been spelled out in an option paper presented to President Carter and his

cabinet.

He cited economic policy versus human rights as one of the dilemmas and said "some people around the world say that the right to eat is a pretty basic human right and (they) say this country has not been very concerned with economic rights."

"There is no question that we are the world's greatest resource glutton and our critics say we are talking about human rights in order to make us feel a little better about using up the world's resources," he said.

Another dilemma, he said, concerns whether to have a single or flexible standard of human rights.

While a single standard is appealing, he said, there are questions of whether to treat Chile, a European style democracy, and Haiti, a primitive land, the same.

Also, involved, he said, are questions of how to deal with serious civil disturbances in Argentina and Uruguay, where guerrillas almost overthrew the government.

"Personally," Proper said, "I think we must have a fairly flexible stance on human rights."

REV. BENNIE SMITH RECENTLY HONORED



At the annual session of the Hammond Creek Union, at New Hope Baptist Church, Bennie Smith Sunday was recently observed. The honor was bestowed the Moderator of Hammond Creek Union for thirty years of dedicated service.

Shaw Choral Completes Tour

Raleigh, N.C. - The Shaw University Chorale Society has returned to Raleigh, following their very successful annual concert tour of the Northeastern United States.

The annual tour is sponsored by Shaw University and coordinated through the Alumni Office and the Music Department. This year's tour took them to New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Itinerary stops for the tour are arranged by Ministers who are graduates of Shaw and by Alumni Chapters in the respective states and cities.

The Chorale Society departed on March 23, 1977 and returned on March 30, 1977.

Marriage Chances Best Among Women Who Wait

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — The chances of "marital disruption" are twice as high for women who bear a child and then marry as for those whose first child is born following marriage, a U.S. Bureau of the Census report indicates.

The Census Bureau report indicates that in 1970, among women who had married between 1965 and 1969 and bore their first child after marriage, 14 per cent were no longer with their first husbands.

Among those women who had borne a child prior to marriage, 29 per cent were not living with their first husbands in 1970.

A Census bureau spokesman noted that similar differences in percentages of women still living with their first husbands are found among those who married between 1950 and 1954, some 15 to 20 years before the 1970 census.

About 47 per cent of the women in this group who gave birth to a child outside of wedlock were no longer living with their first husbands, compared with 25 per cent among women who did not have a child prior to marriage.

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At Reidsville

\$50 Thousand Goal Realized At One Day Session

By O.L. Sherrill,
Executive Secretary

Raleigh — I wish to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your presence at, your participation in, and your support of our recent one-day session at First Baptist Church, Reidsville.

The large attendance of ministers, laymen, women and youth, was a marvelous symbol of a multitude that has reduced itself to a united fellowship of workers with Christ in his mission.

Your financial contributions far exceeded our expectations. We had requested that we raise at least fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars at the session. After all receipts had been counted, we had a total of \$55,874.45. This indicates that we are constantly growing toward Christian Maturity through a ministry which practices concern for life's enrichment and humanity's betterment.

This success represents a

Progressive Baptist To Convene

Charlotte — The Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress of Christian Education of the Progressive National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. will convene here the week of June 20-24.

The Congress entertainment committee here will host the meet. Dr. Harold S. Diggs, Pastor, Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church is chairman of the group. The church is located at 700 Sugar Creek Road West.

A souvenir book is being prepared.

Sherrill Reminds

Shaw University Needs Financial Support

At the recent One - Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention in Reidsville, suggested quotas for Associations were approved in order to help Shaw University through its immediate financial crisis. Each Association was



Messengers who attended the General Baptist State Convention One Day Session, Reidsville, May 4.

milestone, but it is not the journey's end. Our goal of ten thousand (10,000) souls, and one million (1,000,000.00) dollars, is still before us, and we have quite a long way to go to reach it by August 31. With the continued cooperation and support of the Convention's Officials,

Auxiliaries to the Convention, Pastors and Members of Churches, Associational Moderators, and District Convention's Officers, we will make the journey.

Our special appreciation is extended to the Reverend E.M. Brown, Pastor, and the First

Baptist Church for inviting us to meet with them, and extending such warm hospitality during our stay there.

May God bless us mightily together as we go on up the road preparing for our All - Baptist Meeting to be held in Durham, July 25-29.

One Day Session Speakers Electrify Audiences

Reidsville — The four speakers above electrified the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention, as they came before the Convention

with fire from above.

Reverend W.M. Harris, pastor of Gethsemane Hope Baptist Church, Winston - Salem, for the past 29 years, preached from the

subject: "God wants a Man". His text came from the Burning Bush experience of Moses. He challenged the men to stop running away and let God set

you on fire.

Dr. J.W. White, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, Asheville, and former president,

General Baptist State Convention, delivered the early morning devotional message. He lifted the Convention by preaching on the subject: "Let Jesus Fix It For You". The text was the experience of Hagar and Ishmael (Genesis 21) when the baby cried for water. "God heard the child", he declared, "and God will hear you and all of His children when they cry to Him in earnest."

Reverend W.K. Raynor, pastor, First Baptist Church,

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REVEREND W.K. RAYNOR



DR. J.W. WHITE



REVEREND W.M. HARRIS



REVEREND F.O. BASS

The President's Pen

Shaw University faces, again, a critical financial crisis. Acting President, Richard L. Fields, requested the Executive Committee in early March for a gift of \$200,000.00.

The General Board adopted the recommendation of the Executive Committee, therefore committing the Convention to borrow or raise the sum of \$200,000.00.

After loan investigations by the Board of Trustees, the Convention adopted a plan by Reverends O.L. Sherrill, T.A. Watkins and J.J. Johnson, to accept the responsibility as good stewards and donate the gift through donations from Church Memberships with specific quotas. (Listed else where)

Further the following Pastors and Laymen agreed to be responsible for a total of \$39,750.

PRESIDENT'S \$1,000.00 SHAW CLUB GOLD CERTIFICATE

NAME	PLEDGE	PAID
P.H. Johnson	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
J.J. Johnson	1,000.00	1,000.00
E.B. Turner	1,000.00	1,000.00
C.R. Lee	1,000.00	1,000.00
Jerry Drayton	1,000.00	
W.B. Lewis	1,000.00	550.00
C.R. Mosley	1,000.00	1,000.00
Elbert Lee	1,000.00	400.00
H.L. Mitchell	1,000.00	685.00
R.L. Fields	1,000.00	
J.L. Westbrook	1,000.00	
E.L. Kirby	5,000.00	
J.W. White	1,000.00	1,000.00
H.S. Diggs	1,000.00	1,000.00
J. Ray Butler	1,000.00	1,000.00
J.C. Harris	1,000.00	1,000.00
T.A. Watkins	1,000.00	1,545.02
J.B. Moore	1,000.00	1,140.00
Oscar B. Cook	1,000.00	
O.L. Hairston	1,000.00	375.00
C.R. Edwards	1,000.00	1,000.00

THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S \$500.00 SHAW CLUB SILVER CERTIFICATE

NAME	PLEDGE	PAID
J.R. Manley	\$500.00	\$503.80
S.A. Raper	500.00	
Arthur Byrd	500.00	
Jermiah Webb	500.00	500.00
W.K. Mitchell	500.00	500.00
Quincy Caldwell	500.00	
R.T. Gilchrist	250.00	250.00
D.M. Ferguson	250.00	250.00
J.N. Coble	250.00	250.00
H.B. Ferguson	250.00	250.00
B.A. Mack	250.00	
E.S. Anderson	250.00	
O.J. Rooks	250.00	285.00
R.S. Geiger, Jr.	250.00	
R.J. Howard	250.00	250.00
R.E. Blount	250.00	250.00
Luther Coppedge	300.00	300.00
R.D. Lucas	500.00	
A.T. Alston	250.00	
F.G. Lowry	250.00	250.00
C.A. Hart	500.00	800.00
J.H. Ferguson	500.00	500.00
J.A. Davis	500.00	550.00
W.R. Burston	500.00	600.00
A.L. Thompson	500.00	500.00
M.L. Dillingham	250.00	405.00
Kermit Richardson	250.00	250.00
G.W. Ware	250.00	250.00
R.L. Milhouse	250.00	200.00
C.H. Brown	250.00	
John Prince, Jr.	250.00	
J.G. Gaston	250.00	250.00
D.S. Hammond	250.00	
W.M. Harris	250.00	
J.B. Everett, Jr.	150.00	150.00
S.W. Edwards	300.00	
J.R. Monroe	250.00	
Wesley Grant	250.00	

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Did Not Pledge, But PAID as follows:

H.A. Chubbs	\$ 375.00
S.R. Johnson	100.00
H.R. Cogdell	250.00
T.M. Walker	50.00
Wesley Grant	50.00
C.W. Ward	750.00
W.G. Horton	25.00
H.J. Cobb	200.00
C.E. Dewberry	500.00
L.D. Parker	200.00
N.M. Avery	1,000.00
A.D. Moseley	1,000.00
J.D. Fuller	1,000.00

ASSOCIATIONS:

Tar River Association, Rev. Frank Bullock, Mod.	540.98
New Hope Association, Rev. J.E. Person, Mod.	300.00
Gaston County Association, Rev. T.M. Walker, Mod.	1,030.00
Johnston District Association, Rev. L.E. Simpson, Mod.	542.00

Grand Total: 31,601.80

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Corrections

1. The Place for the Presidents Prayer Breakfast, honoring Dr. O.L. Sherrill, has been changed. We will meet at the Royal Villa, Raleigh, N.C., July 27 at 7:30 a.m., instead of the Durham Civic Center.

2. Due to a typographical error it was reported in the May issue of the Baptist Informer that: "Reverend Leo Williams was elected to succeed Dr. O.L. Sherrill as Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention." This should have read: "Reverend Leo Williams was elected to succeed Dr. C.C. Craig as Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association. Dr. Craig resigned because he has been chosen to succeed Dr. O.L. Sherrill as Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention.

3. Henderson — It was reported in the May issue of the Baptist Informer that Dr. Rowland W. Perry received treatment on the dialysis machine at Duke Hospital in Durham and that the Perry's have three children. The treatment was received at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill and the Perry's have four children.

Wanted, Old Minutes !

Minutes and any of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, formerly known as the Educational and Missionary Convention and later the Union Baptist Convention are needed for writing a history of our Convention and Its Bodies.

Please send any materials that will be helpful in this effort to the Baptist Headquarters as soon as possible, attention Dr.

O.L. Sherrill.

Minutes needed are listed below:

1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879, 1883, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945.

Your Church Supply Store, Inc.

New Agent For Informer

Rocky Mount — The Rocky Mount Community now has a new headquarters for securing renewals and new subscriptions to the Baptist Informer. The Reverend W.R. Burston, representative of "Your Church Supply Store, Inc." will always have a supply of Baptist Informers on hand and will be able to take new subscriptions and make renewals. The store is located at 112 Tarboro Street and carries a good line of quality church supplies. The store is a

cooperation composed of Black Christians who are interested in bringing the materials needed by Black Churches into the neighborhood. The Reverend J.O. Thorne is also a representative of the store.

Among the fine items that are carried by the store are: Robes - Furniture - Books - LP's and 45 records - Clergy Shirts - Communion Sets and other quality supplies.

The store will be a regular agent of the Baptist Informer. Copies of the Baptist Informer may be secured at the store, renewals of subscriptions can be made and new subscriptions can be written. We urge all Baptists and people of good will to go to "Your Church Supply Store, Inc." and become a regular subscriber to the Informer. Store hours are from 9:00-5:00 daily.

Coach Resigns

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh — Dr. Richard L. Fields, Acting President of Shaw University, today announced that he has received, and accepted, the resignation of James A. Farris as Head Basketball Coach, effective at end of this year.

Dr. Fields, in accepting the resignation, expressed his regrets in losing a man of Farris' calibre and his appreciation for the contributions made during his tenure as Head Basketball Coach.

When contacted, Coach Farris explained that he's been coaching for over 20 years, and that he's made the decision to leave the coaching ranks. "I just decided to get out of coaching altogether," said Farris.

A selection committee, chaired by Mr. Thomas E. Kee, has been named to pick a successor to Farris. A deadline of May 16, 1977 has been set for receiving applications of qualified persons interested in the job.

One Day

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Kinston, delivered the closing message, entitled "Beaten Up, Passed By, and Picked Up." His message depicted the three attitudes of the characters in the story of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

The noon message was delivered by Rev. F.O. Bass, pastor, Mount Vernon Baptist Church, High Point. His message was entitled, "The Four Roads of Discipleship". The emphasis was on The Road of Service, Boldness, Personal Experience with Jesus Christ, and Faith. His message was based on (I Corinthians 15:7).

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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As President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., I urge the entire Baptist family, Churches, Auxiliaries, Associations, Unions, Pastors, Moderators and Laymen to keep our Christian Commitment; plus make the first report on or before Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, July 5, both at the Baptist Headquarters. All the Baptists of our Convention are further urged to work diligently to report \$100,000.00 on each date.

Joy J. Johnson

Carter's Mother's Day Proclamation Hails Maintenance Of Family Bond

By Religious News Service (4-26-77)

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — In proclaiming May 8 as Mother's Day, President Jimmy Carter states it "should no longer be merely a day on which we reaffirm our love for our mothers."

"It should also be an occasion for admiration of the way American mothers have maintained these family bonds that protect us from the uncertainties of a changing society and give meaning and direction to our lives," the President said.

The text of President Carter's proclamation follows:

"Recent shifts in our culture and society have created new patterns of life for many American mothers and families.

"Some of these changes have been desirable, and some not so desirable. But all have put new burdens on the women who must adapt to the shifts — the mothers of America.

"By and large, they have met the challenge of change with grace, intelligence and dignity.

"Mother's Day should no longer be merely a day on which we reaffirm our love for our mothers. It should also be an occasion for admiration of the way American mothers have maintained these family bonds that protect us from the uncertainties of a changing society and give meaning and direction to our lives.

"And it should be an occasion for those of us in public life to reflect on what government can do to help the mothers of America keep our families strong.

"In recognition of the contributions to all mothers to their families and to the nation, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved May 8, 1914 (38 Statute 770), designated the second Sunday in May each year as Mother's Day and requested the President to call for its appropriate observance.

"Now, therefore, I, Jimmy Carter, President of the United States of America, do hereby request that Sunday, May 8, 1977, be observed as Mother's Day. I call upon government officials to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings, and I urge all citizens to display the flag at their homes and other suitable places on that day."

BULLETIN

Shaw President Resigns
Dr. Richard L. Fields resigned — Shaw — Effective June 30, 1977.

For if ye forgive men
their trespasses, your
heavenly Father will
also forgive you.

Matthew 6:14

Women's Page

Highlights Of Leadership Training Conference

By Thelma C. Horton

Laurel Hill — The 40th Annual Missionary Training Conference, sponsored by the W.B.H. and F.M.C., will be held at the Joy J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, June 6-10, 1977.

The Theme: "Preparing For Christian Growth And Service" will be supported by a text from the Living Bible (Psalm 139:23-

4) "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

The theme song for the conference is: "Search Me Lord". Mrs. M.A. Horne is chairperson, Mrs. R.D. Lucas is pianist, Mrs. J.B. McLester is president, and Mrs. Thelma C. Horton is

Conference Instructor.

The conference will study, "Special Skills for Mission Action" by Pat Thompson on Wednesday, June 8th, 7:30 p.m. The Reverend Leroy Davis, pastor, Solid Rock Baptist Church, Laurinburg, will deliver an Inspirational sermon. On Thursday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., there will be a banquet, at which time the ladies will wear long dresses and Mrs. J.B. McLester will be the speaker.

Women throughout the state will be attending this conference and there will be an opportunity for restoration and spiritual growth.

Annual Institute Held In Franklin

By Joseph L. Strickland

Sponsored by The Franklin Co. S. S. and B.T.U. Convention Louisburg, N.C. The Annual Institute, which was held at the Nelson Chapel Baptist Church was a grand success. The pastor, Reverend E.L. Brodie and the members of the Nelson Chapel Baptist Church put forth every effort to make the Institute a success. There were eight classes taught every evening during the institute and the instructors were full of inspiration and information they taught with authority from the Holy Spirit. Teachers were as follows: Dr. T.A. Watkins - Ministers, Rev. E.K. Brodie - Deacons, Deacon Arthur Williams - Sunday School No. 1, Mrs. Lucy A. Dunston - Missionary, Mrs. Augusta Coffield - Juniors, Mr. Thomas Richardson - B.T.U., Mr. Rufians Gill - Ushers.

There was an average of 200 people present every evening. Dr. T.A. Watkins was the guest minister for the entire week. Dr. Watkins was at his best throughout the week and the people loved much spiritual food from his preaching.

On Friday evening at 5:00 p.m. a fellowship dinner was served in the fellowship hall of the church, after which we reassembled for the closing session of the week, to convene again the second week in March 1978.

Echoes From The Field

Lott Carey Baptist Mission School (Brewerville) P.O. Box 78 Monrovia, Liberia, W.A.

Mrs. M.A. Horne
P.O. Box 1818
Raleigh, N.C.
USA 27602

Dear Mrs. Horne:

How wonderful it was to see you again back in December. We enjoyed having you and the entire delegation visit the Lott Carey Campus.

It was our hope to have written you earlier, but we delayed for one reason in the hope that we would receive the Bibles shortly after your departure. We did not receive them until the end of February. Thank you very much. We do appreciate the Bibles and Hymnals, and the large Bible is beautiful and exactly what we needed. I had gone to two religious bookstores that same day, looking for a similar Bible, but was unable to find one. Upon returning to the office, I found that the large

Bible was among the ones you had sent. Please accept our gratitude. It is now being used in the Chapel, which is complete and beautifully decorated.

Plans are now being drawn for our library; we hope to begin construction soon. However, we would like to hear from you concerning the manner in which you will assist us, per your commitment during your visit, and in your letter of January 27, 1977.

Florence is doing well, and joins me in sending love to you. Please tell my classmate, Charles Mosley, that I would love to hear from him. In your next letter, please forward his address to me.

We wish to take this time to thank you also for the liberal contribution the delegation made toward our library while visiting here. It was a delight to have all of you. May God ever keep you in His tender care.

Sincerely,
(Rev.) Jeremiah W. Walker
Superintendent - Principal

Herbert Armstrong, 84 Marries

PASADENA, Calif. (RNS) — Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the Worldwide Church of God, has remarried at the age of 84.

After 10 years as a widower, he has married 39-year-old Ramona Martin, who, according to a church spokesman, has been working for the past three years "as a member of Mr. Armstrong's overseas team preaching the Gospel to world leaders."

Two years ago, Mr. Armstrong wrote in the church's magazine, The Plain Truth, that "if any of our readers, con-

templating in later life a second marriage, are concerned or worried over age difference, the sure Word of God tells you that you have no problem there at all!"

Mr. Armstrong's first wife, Loma, died in 1967 after they had been married nearly 50 years. His son, Garner Ted, 46, is the speaker on the church's radio broadcast, The World Tomorrow.

The Worldwide Church of God has some 62,000 members, including 47,000 in the United States.

Gay Rights Ordinance Upheld

By Fla. County Commission

By Religious News Service (4-20-77)

MIAMI (RNS) — The Dade County Commission has refused to repeal the recently enacted "gay rights" ordinance, which means that the issue will be decided in a referendum on June 7.

By a vote of 5-4 the commission rejected efforts by a group to repeal the ordinance which outlaws discrimination against homosexuals in housing, employment and public accommodation.

The law, which became ef-

fective Feb. 17, was strongly opposed by many groups. The singer Anita Bryant led opponents in gaining more than 10,000 signatures calling for its repeal, which makes the referendum obligatory. Opponents have also asked the courts to declare the ordinance unconstitutional.

Miss Bryant and other opponents of the ordinance hold that it would allow homosexuals to recruit youth to their way of life. Supporters of gay rights have denied this charge.

Neuse River Holds On Day Meet

By Mrs. Shirley P. Gupton

Rocky Mount — The Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association held its One Day Session at Friendship Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., March 16.

Devotion was lead by the Reverends: Charles Witakers, David S. Hammond and John B. Moore.

Words of welcome were extended to all ministers, deacons and the congregation by the church's pastor, Reverend D.D. Williams.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. F.L. Bullock and secretary, Reverend McK. Nicholson, the roll was called of all churches, ministers and deacons, with Sister Mary Moore aiding the Secretary with his duties.

Reverend Gilchrist, one of the ordination council members brought forth two fellow ministers to be given the land of welcome to the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association, The Reverends W.A. Barnes and Lonnie Ellis.

Next was a panel discussion on policies of the Baptist Church. There were 20 questions passed out concerning the church doctrine. The discussion was limited to 30 minutes, with the Reverend E. Lee, Jr., chairman, Reverends J.H. Staton, W.R. Burston, J.N. Boone and Deacon James Williams.

The Reverend David S. Hammond presented the guest speaker, The Reverend W.R. Barnes. His sermon was taken from the Book of Acts 3:1-5, "Expecting Something?" Everyone is always looking for something, but most have nothing to give. Are you expecting anything?

Then the session was given back into the hands of the Moderator, which spoke the words, "This message was Fruit like the figs of a Fig Tree."

After the public offering, prayer by Reverend Hammond and Benediction by Reverend John B. Moore.

A Thought: Repent ye, therefore, and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3-19

It is always better to give than to receive.

Baptist Urged To Pledge

Reidsville — President Joy J. Johnson, General Baptist State Convention, urged all Baptist to make a pledge to aide Shaw University during the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention last May 4.

CHRISTIAN HABITS PLEDGE

I, _____ a Christian member of the _____ Church at _____ of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., pledge to give up my habits of tobacco, beverages, and etc. for the months of May and June, 1977 and contribute the cost of these habits of Christian Education — Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, weekly or monthly. I further pledge if I fail to give up these

habits for May and June, I will contribute the full cost of such habits to Christian Education plus a 25 percent penalty.

I further pledge to designate these contributions to my church for Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School or send them directly to the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601, with the understanding I will be given receipts and my church given credits.

Pledge Signature
Joy J. Johnson, GBSC
President

The Shaw Divinity School: Alive And Well

Raleigh — "If you would not teach men what are you doing in the Pulpit?"

If you would, why do you not speak so as to be understood?...

In the Study of Sermons we are too negligent. We must study how to convince, and get within men...."

Richard Boxter (1615-1691)

This quotation from the works of Richard Boxter contains the main thrust of the Shaw Divinity School: "Study to Shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth". (2 Timothy 2:15). Baptist all over the state are working hard to insure the future of the Shaw Divinity School because they understand the need for that vital institution.

Six months ago the Divinity School was housed in a building that had been ravished by fire and things looked bleak, to say the least. But a few days ago this writer visited the Divinity School Campus and was greeted with a fresh new look. First to catch the writer's eye were the freshly painted German Shepherd dogs, gleaming white in the sun on either side of the front walk. They seemed to say that something vitally important is going on here and that there is an eye that is watching with concern, power and authority. Nearing the front steps, it was observed that they were newly repaired and beautifully painted. (Earlier the steps were falling down). This inviting scene continued to unfold as the writer approached the large imposing doors: Fresh, newly painted walls and a completely renovated structure. Joy was welling up within as new carpet and beautiful ceilings came into view. Looking around at the new and well appointed furnishing there seemed to be a resounding voice saying "restoration" has come. Gone was the gloom, the darkness, gone was the charred wood, the clutter, the smell ... the Divinity School is alive and well. Ascending the winding staircase, with its new carpet and clean walls, there was an inviting atmosphere that said: "Come up a little higher".

The following statement by Dr. W.R. Grigg witnesseth that not only is the divinity School building restored, but its heart and soul as well:

Thanks for Support
By W.R. GRIGG

For two years as Director of Development I have been asking individuals, churches, associations and convention leadership to do three things on behalf of our Shaw Divinity School. You have been asked to pray for us; to send us students and to give us money regularly. Evidently, all three of these things have been done well.

More than one hundred and fifty (150) persons have been participating in the various programs offered by the School. Twelve received degrees from the School during the Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 14. Those receiving the Bachelor of Theology Degree were Reverend Edward Fleming, Sr., James Robert Fogg, and Robert Louis Milhouse. The following received the Master of Divinity Degree; Reverend William Haywood Brock, Jack Delong Dash (Seminary Without Walls), Johnie Wesley Gorham, Jr., John Bee Moore, Henry Bell Pickett, Jr., Frederick Douglass Smith, and Franklin Earl Tootle. This is the largest group to be graduated from the School in many years.

Supporting individuals and organizations are to be congratulated for the financial support given to the School. Please accept the sincere thanks of all the faculty, administration, and students for all the very liberal gifts sent to the school. Far more money has been given for the support of the school during the past twelve months than for any comparable period in the history of the school. All of our bills are paid with a small balance to begin another fiscal year.

Prospect for large enrollments for the Summer and Fall semesters are bright.

For all of these things we thank God and the Baptists of North Carolina.

The School is now fully separated from the Shaw

University which means that we are supporting each one separately. All of this means that no one should do less for either institution but more for both.

Pray for us. Send us some students. Send us some money regularly. God will bless us all abundantly together.

The Future for the Shaw Divinity School is as bright as the promises of God and the willingness of Baptists to pray work and give on her behalf.

Dr. Grigg to Retire

It has been learned that Dr. W.R. Grigg, Promotional Director of Development and Professor of Evangelism, will retire June 30, 1977. He has been employed by the Divinity School for two years. He came to the Divinity School after his retirement from 23 years of service with the Interracial Cooperation Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. He began his career in the state of Louisiana, and is the father of five children all of which are college graduates.

Dr. Grigg states that he will be available to preach and render service as long as he lives. His retirement address will be Route 4, Box 299-V, Kernersville, N.C. 27284.

Church Vocations

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie explained to this writer that the Shaw Divinity School now sponsored a two-phase program designed to take the influence into the local church community. Model two is a field program in which classes in various areas can be taught in the local community, if 15 person enroll. Model one is a program that is conducted on campus on week-ends. These programs are available to ministers and laymen alike.

Seminary Without Walls

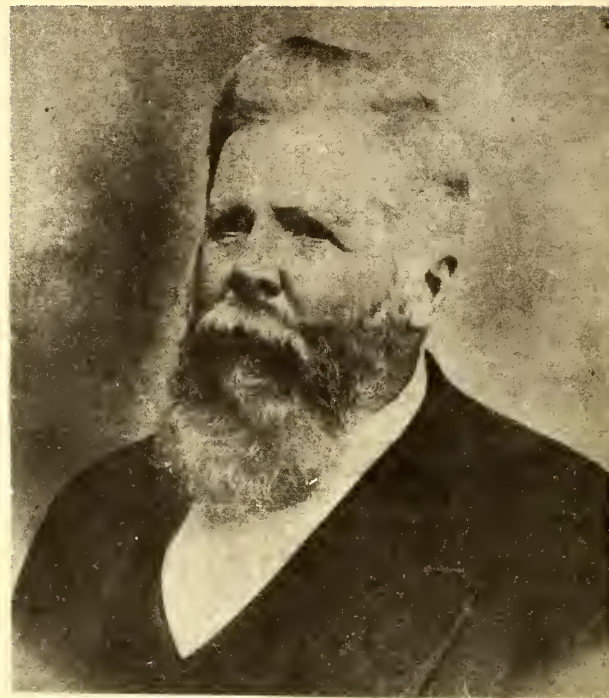
The seminary without walls program, under the direction of Reverend C.T. Vivian is a correspondence type of program through which Degrees can be obtained. On May 6, the SWW sponsored a retreat for its students throughout the nation. There were students from many parts of N.C., Ohio, Virginia, and S.C. in attendance at the retreat. The SWW has been in operation for 3 years.

Divinity School's Annual
Leadership Conference
June 13-17

The Shaw Divinity School's Annual Church Leadership Conference comprised of the Forty-First Annual Ministers' Institute and the Third Annual Church Lay Leaders' Institute will be held at Shaw University Raleigh, N.C., June 13-17.

The theme for 1977 will be, "The Church and the Churches: An examination of the relationship between the church universal and the churches in particular."

Dr. Henry Beecher Hicks will be our principal resource person. He is pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Dr. Hicks will preach the opening sermon of the conference on Monday evening, June 13, at 8:00. He will deliver a lecture on the theme daily.



HENRY MARTIN TUPPER
1831 - 1893

Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

You will not want to miss this great conference. The cost of the conference is \$40.00. The figure includes \$15.00 for registration and \$25.00 for room and board.

Additional features of the conference will be workshops, special lectures on Christian education, church ushers, church musicians, Christian missions, and the preaching by some of our most outstanding pastors. Some are: Dr. W.B. Westbrook, pastor New Central Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.; Reverend Morris Shearin, pastor Mount Olive Baptist Church, Lewiston, N.C.; Reverend G.D. McNeil, Moderator, the Reformed F.W.B. Church, Inc.

The Third Annual
Henry Martin Tupper
Memorial Banquet
June 3, 1977
7:00 P.M.

The Third Annual Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet, sponsored by the school to raise funds, will be held June 3, in the Shaw Student Ballroom. The speaker for this momentous occasion will be the Reverend Thomas Kilgore, Jr., pastor Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. (Editor's Note; This Article concerning the Shaw Divinity School is the third in a con-

tinuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The objective of this feature is to help the Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month. All Baptists, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that" objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program. The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is as follows: January and July - State Missions; February and August - Central orphanage; March and September - Shaw University; April and October - Foreign Missions; May and November - the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and December - Shaw Divinity School.)

Summer Semester
to Begin June 21

The Summer Semester of the Shaw Divinity School is scheduled to begin on June 21, 1977. This promises to be one of the best years in the history of the school.



Seminary Without Walls Students and Faculty Assemble on the front steps of the Shaw Divinity School last May 6. Director of the program is seen on the front row extreme right. Rev. Robert E. Powell, vice president, is seen on the extreme left, front row.



Students enrolled in the Seminary Without Walls enjoy a banquet meal at Shaw Divinity School last May 6, during a retreat sponsored by the Divinity School.

Shaw Observes 112th Convocation

By CHARLES F. BLALOCK, SR.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University held its 112th Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees, Saturday, May 14, 1977 at 3:00 p.m. in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium with 326 candidates receiving degrees.

The speaker for the Commencement Exercises was the Honorable Maynard H. Jackson, Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

Jackson, who at 35, not only became the first black mayor of a major Southern city, but the youngest in the history of Atlanta, told the Shaw graduates to "go home, drop your buckets where you are" and construct the type of grass roots political and economic structure to challenge the priorities set by the nation's elite.

Jackson, speaking to a near capacity crowd attending the ceremonies, said "we need a political apparatus to reach our aspirations and it must be built from the group up". "If we expect the oppressors to relieve the oppressed voluntarily, we might as well expect elephants to roost in trees."

Jackson expressed his appreciation at the numbers of graduates that had looked to the future with planning to become a



Honorable Maynard H. Jackson, Mayor, City of Atlanta, Georgia. Shaw Commencement speaker May 14th.

part of the political process as indicated by their majors in Urban Planning, Urban Politics, and Public Administration. He described this as "revolutionary, positive revolutionary."

Jackson also cited inadequate health care, unequal distribution of resources, the denial of basic human rights, crime, and the unsatisfied "fundamental human needs of the masses" as the crucial problems ignored by

the "power brokers of the nation, the corporate, political and military elite." "An overabundance of attention to the military in international game play results in an inattention to the fundamental needs of the masses of Americans, black and white. The defense budget goes up while the hopes of the American people go down."

The five major shifts in national institutions which are moving government further from the people it should be serving were contributed to the growing role of the presidency. Jackson outlined the presidency as having become a "captive of the lite economic forces" which bestow it upon a candidate, Jimmy Carter being somewhat of an exception."

Four other shifts are the growing responsibilities of tradition bound courts, a more technocratic government in which experts control the flow of information to decision makers and the public, the increased influence of the multinational corporations in the policy making arena, and the concentration of the political, corporate, and military elite in key sectors of society.

Jackson charged the graduates with "turning around the priorities of you nation". "Don't you dare strut out of this auditorium today with your degree over your eyes. Don't be blinded by the glint of gold, so that you cannot see that your degree is not a ticket to Paradise, but is a mandate to act to relieve the desperation of your brothers and your sisters ... now!" Jackson said, "the degree gives you the right to stoke the coals of the freedom train, which has not gone nearly so far as it should. Your degree might make you special, but it will not make you better than your brothers and sisters."

Jackson continued, "your degree is not a purchase order whereby you merely get all you can, can all you get, and then sit on your can." "Your degree is not a VIP reservation which lets you get to be so big that you get to be so big that you get to be so big that you get to be so big, that your forget about the people that made it possible for you to be so big!"

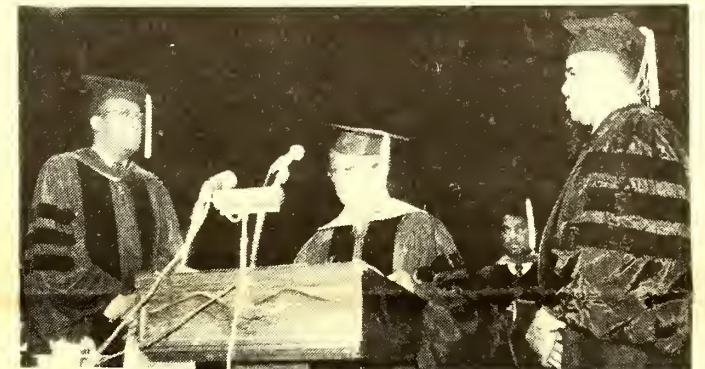
Jackson called upon the graduates to work for political unity among all people, black and white, and to bring the coalition together ... the kinds of coalitions that elected Jimmy Carter. He cited the fact that it's



Shaw 112th Commencement Exercises get underway, Saturday May 14th.



Reverend Matthew R. Silver (R) receives "Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree" from Dr. E.B. Turner (L)



Reverend Harold S. Diggs (R) receives the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Divinity. Dr. W.B. Lewis (center) Dr. E. Burns Turner, (L).



Reverend George H. Badgett (R) receives "Pastor of the Year" award from Dr. Charles R. Mosley, member-Board of Trustees, Shaw Divinity School.

white, because we're all at the mercy of the economy. The same kind of coalition that put not enough just to be black or Jimmy Carter in the White

House is the kind that can readjust the nation's priorities. For Carter, Jackson said, "the poorer the constituency, the higher the vote totals. Jimmy Carter carried 10 Southern states, but received a majority of white votes in none of them. Even in Georgia, Carter got only 45 per cent of the white vote." Carter received 96 per cent of the black vote in carrying the South.

Jackson cited the need for such a coalition, but stressed the need for unity within the black community first. "You cannot coalesce one with one unless you first of all have one. If you coalesce one with zero, the one will control."

"The ballot, the buck and the book is our chance for freedom in 20 this country", concluded Jackson.

John Baker Receives Doctorate

By CHARLES F. BLALOCK, SR.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University, during the 112th Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees, Saturday, in the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium, conferred the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon one of Raleigh's native sons, John Haywood Baker, Jr.

Baker became a household word as early as his days as a high school football player for Ligon High School's Little Blues, then for the Eagles of North Carolina at Durham (now N.C. Central University). He then went on to become one of the all-time defensive standouts in the National Football League, both as a member of the NFL All-Star team and as Defensive Captain for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He, more than likely, had more influence on the retirement of Y.A. Tittle than age, or any other factor. Tittle, the former quarterback for the New York

Giants, suffered much damage on a tackle made by Baker.

Baker returned to Raleigh during the off-season to lend his helping hand to the youth of the city and surrounding area, serving as Youth Development Consultant for the Raleigh Police Department, Recreation Supervisor for the N.C. Department of Correction, a member of the Board of Directors of the Boys' Club, and a member of the N.C. Youth Service Commission.

Now an administrative staff aide to U.S. Senator Robert Morgan, Baker continues to serve his community through his efforts. He is a member of the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association, and Wilson Temple United Methodist Church. He is married to the former Juanita Hicks. They reside at 1616 Battery Drive in Raleigh, with their two children: Johnita Elizabeth Baker and John Haywood Baker, III.



Dr. Richard L. Fields (L), Acting President, Shaw University, presents John H. Baker, Jr. (2nd R) with Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree, as Senator John Winters, (R) adjusts hood, and Dr. Norbert C. Hoffman, Shaw Registrar, observed in background.

Record Albums Donated

By CHARLES F. BLALOCK, SR.

Raleigh, N.C. — WSHA-FM, the educational radio station of Shaw University in Raleigh, in keeping with their commitment to upgrading the listening public's entertainment, recently donated a substantial amount of albums and 45s to the Traingle Correctional Center in Raleigh.

This was part of an on-going process through which record donations are made to the Traingle Center, the Wake

Advancement Center, and the Women's Correctional Center.

According to Paul Vandergrift, area coordinator for the Radio-TV-Film Department at Shaw, "In addition to providing quality education to our communications majors, I believe we should also get them involved in the "people" process. They must become involved in helping these communities they plan to serve as graduates and media representatives".

Laymen League Convention Big Success

By Waverly Camp, Jr.

The Laymen's League Convention of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., is on the ball. The month of April, 1977 will be a milestone in the history of the Lay movement in the General Baptist family. Two things occurred that will point to the fact:

First, the One Day Session of the Laymen's Convention last April 15, with the Friendship Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C., Reverend B.L. Rich, pastor. The host church served as an outstanding host and should be congratulated by all who attended.

Two workshops and a dynamic sermon highlighted the day. Brother James Lawrence and Zeno Borders led the Ambassador's Workshop. They did a splendid job of identifying the needs of boys. Literature was then passed out dealing with the Ambassador's program.

Reverend James Moore, pastor of Saint John Missionary Baptist Church, New Bern, presented the Annual Sermon. Deacon Johnnie White introduced his pastor. Music was furnished by Friendship Male Chorus. Reverend Moore's sermon subject, "Whose Side Are You On?" taken from (Joshua 24:14-15). He stated that there are three things you must have to get home to God: (1) Concern, (2) Commitment, (3) Condition. The sermon was well

received by all.

The second workshop was conducted by Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., General Baptist State Convention Laymen's Field Secretary. Communications and explanation of the membership card was given. The second part of the workshop was a panel discussion by laymen from across the state. Discussion questions were:

(1) "What qualities should a President of a Laymen's League have?" by Charles Porter, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.

(2) "Understanding factors that hinder the Laymen's League." by Michael Simmons, Star Of Zion, New Bern.

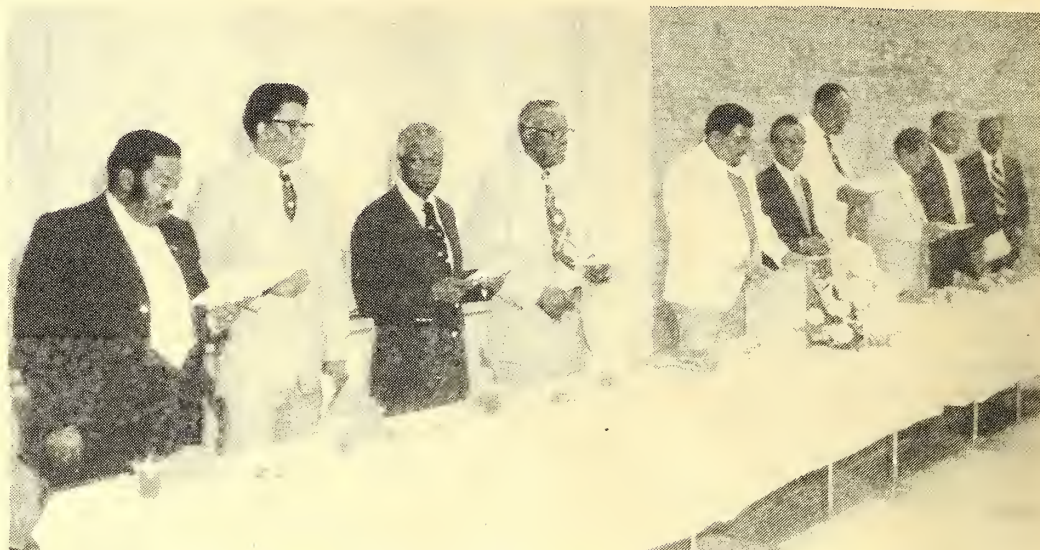
(3) "What is the thinking of some Deacons of a Laymen's League?" by Lacy Pennix, Terrell's Creek, Chapel Hill, N.C.

We all missed Dr. E.B. Turner, who has been with us over the years, he was attending the 100th Birthday of Fayetteville State University.

This marked the first time that we had full laymen participation on our One Day Session. Laymen you did a good job.

Brother John McQueen, President of the Laymen's Convention presided with charm and dignity as usual. The meeting was well attended and was a learning experience for all.

Other program participants



At the 2nd Annual Fellowship Dinner Laymen's League were (from left to right) Brother I.H. Hilliard, Reverend T.J. Foster, President John McQueen, Brother O.A. Dupree, Fieldworker Waverly Camp, Jr., Att. Herman Taylor, Dr. E.B. Turner, General Baptist State Convention President J.J. Johnson, General Baptist State Convention Executive Secretary, O.L. Sherrill, General Baptist State Convention Secretary - Elect C.C. Craig. (Photo by J.D. Hinton)

were as follows: Reverend B.L. Rich, host pastor, Dr. J.J. Johnson, President, of General Baptist State Convention, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention, Professor O.A. Dupree, Chairman of Study Commission, Mr. Frank Marshall, President Emeritus of Laymen's League.

Second, our Second Annual Laymen's Fellowship Banquet was held on Friday, April 22, 1977 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shaw University Student Union Building, Raleigh, N.C.

Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. served as Toastmaster. The congregation sang "Rise Up, O Men of God", Invocation and grace was given by Reverend T.J. Foster, pastor of Terrell's Creek Baptist Church, Chapel Hill. A splendid dinner was served.

Youth Walk For Christ

Hope Mills — Seventeen young people from the Swan's Creek Baptist Church engaged in a Walk-A-Thon for Christ last April which resulted in raising \$100.00 for the Minnie C. Lyons Fund. The Minnie C. Lyons Fund is a WBH and FMC project for the support of Foreign Missions. The youth went from house to house for about four hours asking for donations.

The pastor, Reverend Luther Westbrook, Jr. walked with them. Their missionary leaders were Mrs. Pearl Spearman and Mrs. Ann Haywood. The church is a member of the Union Baptist Association. The following young people took part in the Walk-A-Thon:

Keith Haywood, Chris Sanbury, Gwen Haywood, Dennis Glover, Therasa Spearman, Shelia Sutton, Tonya Bell, Anthony Sutton, Kevin Bell, Chenetta Floyd, Geraldine Glover, Gerald Glover, Tracy Douglas, Sebrina Murray, Marcha Haywood, Kim McMillan, Connie Haywood.

Brother John McQueen, President of Laymen's League graced the occasion. Our music entertainment was furnished by Mr. James Marley, Jr., Saint Bethel, Whiteville. Greetings came from Dr. J.J. Johnson, president of General Baptist State Convention. Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary - Treasurer - Elect, and Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of Trustee Board, Shaw Divinity School. Brother O.A. Dupree, Chairman of Study Commission, introduced our speaker for the evening.

The address was presented by Attorney Herman Taylor,

Laymen, Civil Rights Leader, and Attorney At Law, Greensboro, N.C. He gave a thought-provoking message — A great challenge to Black Christians. "Where Are We?", How far have we moved up the ladder? He thanked Attorney Herman Taylor for a splendid challenge.

Our closing hymn was "What A Fellowship" and the Benediction was given by the Reverend M.R. Walker, pastor of Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Mooresville. Thanks to Mrs. Georgia Turner for serving as our pianist.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Left - Att. Herman Taylor, Guest Speaker. Center - President John McQueen, Laymen League State President. Right — Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. Laymen Field Secretary.

Laymen Engage In Chat After Banquet

Principal personalities at the State Laymen's Second Annual Banquet, held at Shaw's Student Ball Room, April 22, are shown conversing on the central issues of the day. These dynamic leaders are part of a new breed of Laymen in Baptist Churches. They are fully aware of the responsibilities and challenges of today and have come to the role of leadership with unyielding dedication. Their hope is that laymen throughout the state will be inspired to become more active in the work of the local church.

Church Music Series

Emotions ? ? ?

By Waverly Camp, Jr.

This article is intended to shed some light on a very important element in our church music. Let us enter into this article with open minds and search ourselves to see where we stand.

In conducting workshops I have found this to be of importance to many laypersons and ministers.

Feeling is important in Christian experience. It is doubtful that any person ever has a true Christian experience that does not involve some measure of feeling or emotion. Christian hymns quite often arouse the emotions; while hymns should do more than this, they should basically have the power to arouse feelings.

Let us take a careful look at what kind of emotional response hymns should create. Sorrow for sin, love for Christ, love for others and dedication to service are valid Christian feelings. Hymns that fail to arouse these feelings or others like them, have no place in Christian worship.

But, still there is a different kind of emotion usually called "sentiment"; this is feeling for the sake of feeling. It is emotion that is enjoyed-created for the sake of the satisfaction that it brings.

Clappers and
Rockers take
A look!!!

There is a difference between feeling good and working up a good feeling. Christians should experience joy, they should be happy and satisfied in their sense of belonging to Christ. Such feelings come naturally with genuine Christian experience. They are not the same things as "sentiment". "Sentiment is emotion that is worked up, that is treasured and elaborated. It means concentration on feelings rather than on what produces the feeling. In terms of Christian thinking, "sentiment" is the enjoyment of self rather than the enjoyment of God in Jesus Christ.

Many Christians, unfortunately, have never noticed the difference between true Christian emotion and "sentiment," they take pleasure in the enjoyment of their feelings - which is natural enough - but they confuse this with genuine Christian feeling ... on how sad.

Everyone has a sentimental streak: It is not absolutely necessary that people should try and root it out; but there is a need for us to be able to distinguish between true Christian feelings and "sentiment". In our hymns, there is a need to distinguish between hymns that arouse valid feelings and those that arouse shallow "sentiment".

Revival For Justice

By Rev. Thomas L. Walker
Rocky Mount—During the week of April 25th - 29th, a monumental event took place in our city that is certain to carry on to other cities of the state and nation. This event was in the form of a "Revival For Justice." The theme was "Building A New Community." This revival was staged at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of this city and was covered by the news media including the N.B.C. Affiliate WITN (Channel 7).

The idea for this type of revival was an idea and dream of two young and dynamic ministers of this city, Rev. Thomas L. Walker, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, and the Rev. W.L. Burton, Jr., Pastor of the St. John A.M.E. Zion Church. Both ministers are members of the Executive Board of the Local Branch of the N.A.A.C.P.

This revival had two major objectives: to bring about an

awareness in the Black Community concerning the functions of the N.A.A.C.P., and secondly, to focus upon the injustices encountered by the Black Community on jobs, housing, schools, etc.

This unique revival was somewhat different from the old conventional revivals that have taken place in the Black Churches down through the years where the brothers and sisters get up and testify to the goodness of the Lord, but during this revival for justice the brothers and sisters testified about the many injustices encountered on their jobs, in school, housing, politics, and discrimination in business.

According to the Co-Chairpersons, Revs. Walker and Burton, this revival was not aimed to create hate, etc., but to instill into Black Community to follow certain procedures to eliminate the barriers of injustice.

Each night sermons were delivered focusing on human rights of all.

On Friday night, Rev. Thomas Walker, pastor of the host church and co-chairperson of the revival, delivered a soul stirring sermon to close the revival. His subject was "Now Let Us Build A New Community," with the scripture deriving from Nehemiah 4:6 (So build we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the



Rev. Thomas Walker

half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.) During his sermon, Rev. Walker stressed three major points; first, we must continue to affirm or to declare the immorality and sin of discrimination; secondly, we must make full and creative use of the freedom that we already possess; and thirdly, if we are to build a new community, we must see the necessity for developing an action program.

During the course of the week the services were attended by near capacity crowds. Many N.A.A.C.P. memberships were purchased during the week and a large number of volunteers signed up to do community chores.

This revival was only the beginning of a series of meeting which will be held each month throughout the community.

Dialysis Treatment Progress

By Laverne Jeffries

Most physicians will tell their patients they are better off with everything they were born with, providing the body part is in good working order. Operating and transplanting is a matter of last resort. And now in the age of twentieth-century medicine, man-made machinery has eliminated operations and transplants to an even greater extent.

An example of the more up-to-date medical progression is the recently changed lifestyle of Dr. Rowland W. Perry, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church on College Street. Dr. Perry is a kidney patient suffering from chronic renal failure. He has been on the kidney dialysis machine since June of 1976. In January of this year his wife, Doris began giving him the treatment at home. Mrs. Perry participated in an eight-week training course at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill before performing the dialysis technique on her husband.

According to Mrs. Perry, "the artificial kidney consists of a 100-quart tank, a pump for circulating blood, a pump for circulating solution in the tank, plastic tubing, safety devices, and a coil. One tube is attached to an artery in her husband's arm. Another goes into a vein so the blood can go out and return. Father on the tubing is wrapped around a coil which is immersed in the tank filled with a solution chemically similar to the body's plasma.

As the blood is pumped through the coil and the solution

in the tank is circulated, the wastes diffuse from the blood into the solution. The fresh blood is then pumped back into the body. My husband has to be dialyzed twice weekly for two six-hour intervals."

Dr. Perry believes his condition "was brought on by a wreck which he was in several years ago. They say shock can cause kidney failure and since the doctors could find no medical malfunctioning with my organs, they claim it could have resulted from the accident."

Dr. Perry has a sister in New Jersey who has been on the

Rev. Ward Leaves Antioch

Goldsboro — On May 14, 1977, the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary conferred upon Rev. James H. Ward, Jr., pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, the Master of Divinity Degree. A week earlier Rev. Ward was commissioned Captain in the Chaplains Branch of the U.S. Army.

A native of Philadelphia Pennsylvania, Rev. Ward, after his release from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1962, came to Goldsboro. He was employed by Kemp Furniture Co., leaving in September 1967 to attend college. He received the A.A. Degree from Wayne Community College and the B.S. Degree from East Carolina University. In 1972, he accepted the pastorate of the Antioch Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C. and in 1974, he was appointed Auxiliary Chaplain at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in charge of Soul Service. He has been assigned to U.S. Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia and will report in August.

Rev. Ward has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wayne County



Rev. Ward

Sheltered Workshop and the Wayne Mental Health Association. He is a regular attendee at the Heath's Prayer Breakfast. Rev. Ward ran unsuccessfully for a seat on the Goldsboro Board of Aldermen coming in seventh in 1973.

Rev. Ward is married to the former Minnie Wilson of Willard, N.C., who is an inspector at Carolina Welds. They have two sons, David Anthony and M. Demetrius.

kidney machine for approximately three years. In her case, her problem resulted from a stroke.

"The machine is very expensive. We lease this particular dialysis machine for \$149 a month. The reason it is so expensive is because all of the items such as needles, etc. are disposable," Mrs. Perry stated.

"Reverend Frank Bullock, Reverend C.L. Faison, and parishoners of my church have assisted us in many ways by helping to raise financial funds and serving as chauffeur and listener," Dr. Perry comments.

Dr. and Mrs. Perry have four children, Teresa, 15; Rowland, Jr., 11; Dexter, 7; and Gregory, 3.

Although the treatment may be a little inconvenient at times, Dr. Perry is still very active in his pastoral work. And even though Mrs. Perry was quite nervous at the initial treatment, she is very competent and knowledgeable of the situation at

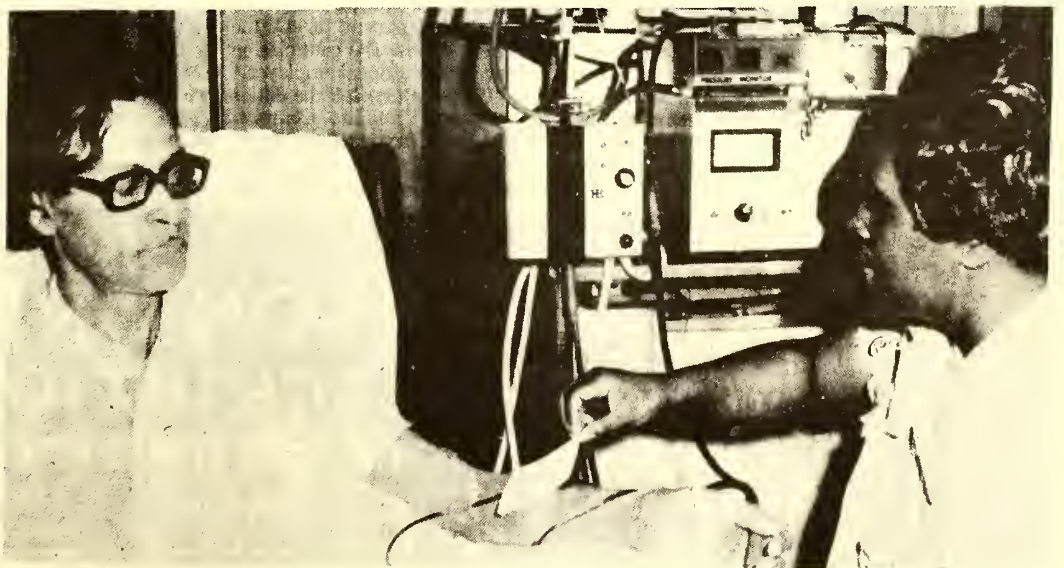
this time.

Asked about the considering of a kidney transplant, Dr. Perry and his wife seem a bit wary of the consequences.

"So many times a person's body will reject a transplanted kidney. In that case you will have gone through an awful lot to not have it work," Mrs. Perry points out.

After being a mother of four, housewife, and 'self-made doctor', Mrs. Perry states, "I am glad I can do this service for my husband. It makes it so much easier to be able to do this at home than travel to Chapel Hill twice a week."

"At the present time the machine is taking care of the problem. My doctor told me to weigh the transplant end of the circumstance very heavily. As long as I can continue my ministry and contribute to society, I have decided to continue this method of treatment for the time being," Dr. Perry Emphasizes.



RECEIVES DIALYSIS TREATMENT — In the above photo are Dr. and Mrs. Rowland W. Perry as they both participate in the artificial kidney machine treatment at their home on College Street. Mrs. Perry administers the technique to her husband twice weekly for two six-hour intervals. Dr. Perry has been on the machine since June of 1976. (Daily Dispatch Photo)

2nd Anniversary For Pastor

By Mrs. Rosenell McLendon

Because of the leadership of Rev. Daniel M. Ferguson, Pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church in Hamlet, N.C., we gathered to celebrate the 2nd Anniversary on May 1st with the doors open to everyone at 9:45 a.m. with church school, 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship, 1:30 p.m. Dinner and at 3:00 The Distinguished Minister, Rev. R.T. Gilchrist, Pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Rockingham N.C., delivered a dynamic Anniversary sermon.

Text, taken from Jeremiah 9-1 from this Rev. Gilchrist brought out the lonely life of a pastor and the needed prayers of others. But through it all the pastor must continue to hold fast to that which is good to see the welfare of his people. He must be unselfish.

This dynamic man of God moves with intelligence, courage, patience and understanding. The sermon was delivered so that the youngest member of the church could understand it.

Friendship Baptist Church has received many blessings that we, thought were impossible to achieve in the two years of Rev. Ferguson's leadership. We have seen growth in many areas due to the increasing wisdom and guidance in his two years with us. We are looking forward in paying off a 12 years mortgage within 6 years, not to mention the other achievements in the two years.

We, the members, thank God for our pastor because of his steadfastness in his Christian beliefs, uncompromising to that which is wrong and preaches God's word as he believes God would have him do. We thank everyone that helped to make this a glowing and an unforgettable tribute to our pastor.



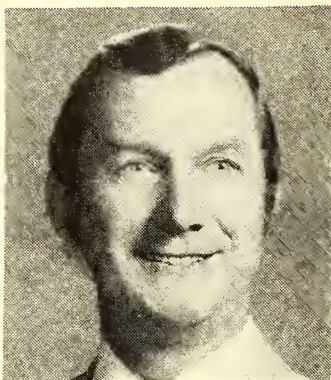
Dr. Cooper Receives Doctorate Degree

Raleigh — During the commencement exercises at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, on May 14, Corbin L. Cooper received the degree of Doctor of Education.

A native of Eden, he is also a graduate of National Business College, Roanoke, Virginia, Mars Hill College, and Wake Forest University. He has studied in the School of Pastoral Care at the Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, and received the Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

Ordained into the ministry by the Spray Baptist Church, Eden, Cooper has served as pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Whiteville, and the First Baptist Church, Morehead City. Since 1966, he has served as director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with the two Baptist State Conventions in North Carolina.

In 1974, he was honored by Shaw University with the Doctor of Divinity degree. He also received the 1975 Christian Brotherhood Award by the



Dr. Corbin Cooper

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

His studies at North Carolina State University have been primarily in adult education and sociology. The area of research for his dissertation included a study of authoritarian and racial attitudes among lay leaders in Baptist churches in North Carolina.

IN MEMORIAM



Mrs. Nola S. Beck

Asheville, N.C. Mrs. Nola S. Beck, special worker in Buncombe County and Executive Board Member of the WBH and FMC, departed this life March 28. She was funeralized at Hill Street Baptist Church, Dr. N.M. Avery, pastor. The Eulogy was delivered by Dr. C.R. Mosley, pastor, Nazareth Baptist Church.

Rev. A.J. Sherrill

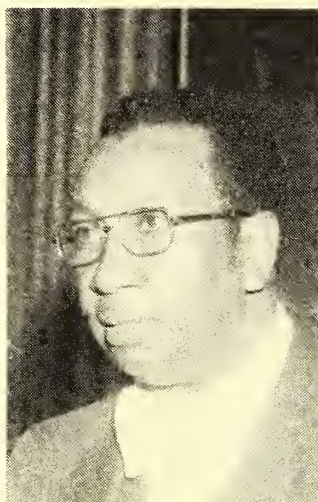
Passes

Rev. A.J. Sherrill of Lynchburg, Va. passed Sunday night, May 22.

The brother of Dr. O.L. Sherrill, General Baptist Head, Rev. Sherrill was pastor of Young's Chapel Baptist Church in Roxboro.

Funeral services were held there on Thursday, May 25.

The General Baptist State Convention mourns the loss of this great brother.



Dr. C. R. Edwards

Appointed To State Board

Fayetteville — Dr. C.R. Edwards was recently appointed to the State Board of Education by Governor Jim Hunt. He is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, N.C. and has served as President of the General Baptist State Convention and the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. A native of Wilson, N.C., Dr. Edwards has been active in politics and religious work for more than 30 years.

IN MEMORIAM

Pastor Perishes

Ocean View, N.J. — The tragic news of the death of Reverend George L. Brown, by fire in his home, last May 13, has left a rash of heavy hearts among N.C. Baptist and through out the nation. It was reported to the Baptist Informer that the late Reverend Brown was killed in a fire that invaded his home in Ocean View. His wife, Audrey, was also severely burned in the fire; none of his three children were burned.

The Reverend Brown was a native of North West, Virginia, and came to North Carolina in the 1950's. He was pastor of a number of churches in Eastern N.C., at which time he attended Shaw Divinity School, graduating in 1957 with the B.D. Degree. His last N.C. pastorate was the First Baptist Church of High Point, from which he went to the pastorate of the Ocean View Baptist Church in Ocean



Rev. George Brown

View, N.J.

North Carolina Baptist will remember Reverend Brown as one of its great preachers, who could really tell the story.

The Funeral Service for Reverend Brown was held May 16, at the Ocean View Church.

Financial aid has been requested.

Hawkins Mourned

Durham — The memory of Mr. James T. Hawkins will be immortal in the hearts of the Baptists of N.C. and the General Baptist State Convention with whom he lived and worked for more than a half century. He departed this life February 27, 1977, in Hollywood, Florida.

Mr. Hawkins was a native of Fayetteville, N.C. and spent the greater portion of his life in Durham where he was a deacon and member of the trustee board of White Rock Baptist Church. He was a member of the Board of Trustees, N.C. Central University, and honorary 33rd degree Mason.

The eulogy was delivered by Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, Pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.



Mr. James Hawkins

Appreciation For

Rev. Thompson

Durham — For 30 years of faithful service as Pastor of the Community Baptist Church, Durham, The Reverend Edgar T. Thompson was honored last May. He was hailed as "The Man Who has Given Unselfish Service," and the day was marked by the appearance of many outstanding personalities. The main message was delivered by the Reverend Clyde Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Petersburg, Virginia.

The Community Baptist Congregation has recently constructed a new edifice under Reverend Thompson's leadership. Through the years the church has become distinguished for its strong emphasis on lay leadership. Among the leaders that have been developed in the church is Mr. Theodore Speight, who has been foremost in leadership in our State B.T.U. and S.S. Conventions.



Rev. E. T. Thompson

Degrees To Five N.C. Baptist

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — 5 North Carolina Black Baptists received degrees in commencement ceremonies at Southeastern Baptist

Theological Seminary here. The graduating class of 238 was the largest in the school's 26 year history. Southeastern is one of

six Southern Baptist seminaries and has an enrollment of 900 men and women.

The commencement sermon was delivered by President W.

Randall Lolley, and the charge to the candidates were given by Dr. Glenn T. Miller, Assistant Professor of Church History.



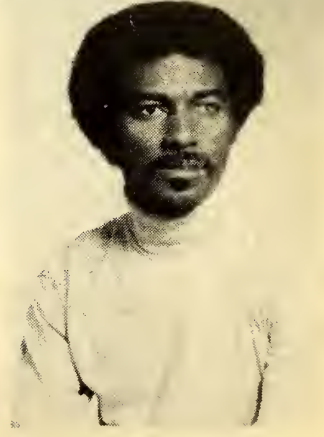
Mrs. Rosa White Williams
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Durham To Host All-Baptist Assembly - July 25-29

Thousands To Attend

Durham — Red Carpets are being readied throughout the city of Durham, according to Rev. Lynch, host pastor of White Rock Church and Mrs. J.B. McLester, President of the W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. All in anticipation of the arrival of the thousands of messengers who will attend the all Baptist Assembly July 25-29.

The major meeting place will be the White Rock Baptist Church of Durham. The church is located on Fayetteville Street, South. Just follow Fayetteville Street south until you pass the cemetery on the right near the out-skirts of the city. White Rock Church is a beautiful newly constructed white stone edifice. Schedules and locations of other sessions and meeting are also found in this issue of the Baptist Informer.

Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President, has issued an urgent appeal to all Baptist to come from the mountains to the sea and from the hills of Virginia to the plains of Georgia. His major concern has been to raise the \$1,000,000 budget which is the main support for all convention objectives. Lately all efforts have been directed towards meeting the financial needs of Shaw University. Dr. Johnson has brought a number of new programs into being in his effort to lead Baptist to respond to many vital human needs. This meeting will reflect the effectiveness of many of the new efforts.

Mrs. M.A. Horne has called



Ruth Marie Powell
Banquet Speaker

upon the women to unite in an effort to bring the full weight of the church down upon the evil of our day that threaten all mankind.

This promises to be one of the greatest gatherings of Baptists in the history of the Convention. Many exciting features have been added to the convention program in an effort to conserve time and finance.

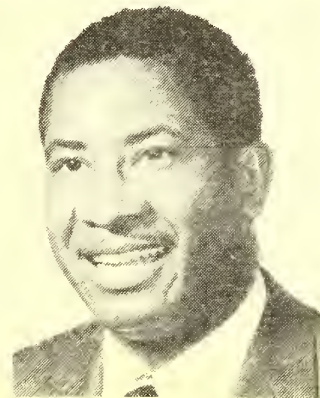
(Editor's Note; This article concerning state missions is the third in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The objective of this feature is to help the Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month. All

Baptist, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that" objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program. The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is as follows: January and July - State Missions; February and August - Central orphanage; March and September - Shaw University; April and October - Foreign Missions; May and November - the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and December - Shaw Divinity School.)

Dr. Sherrill and Convention officials are urging Pastors and Leaders across the state to bring up a liberal offering for the unified program.

Nashville, Tenn. - Mrs. Ruth Marie (Davidson) Powell is a native of Hopkin County, Kentucky and a member of the Faith-United Missionary Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. She is the chairman of the Department of Christian Education, American College of the Bible, A.B.T. Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. She is also Director of Christian Education, Faith-United Baptist Church; member of the Faculty of Stone River District Association Institute; a member of the faculty, Tennessee Baptist Leadership Education Congress, Auxiliary to Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Education Convention.

Mrs. Powell is a graduate of West Ky. Ind. College, Paducah,



Lorenzo A. Lynch
Host Pastor

Ky.; Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.; and holds a M.S. Degree from Tennessee State University. She has done graduate study at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. and the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

In 1967 she was Honoree of Women's Advisory Board of Tennessee State University and in 1972-3, 1974-5, was listed in Who's Who of American women. In 1972 she was listed in Who's Who in outstanding educators of America and in 1975-6 Who's Who in Religion.

She is a noted writer, Author of several outstanding books and the wife of Rev. John Lewis Powell, who is President of A.B.T. Seminary, Nashville.

Mrs. Powell is the Monday evening banquet speaker.

Lorenzo A. Lynch received the B.A. and B.D. degrees from Shaw University and continued his educational training by

studying as a special student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, and Duke Divinity School. He studied two years at Boston University, Graduate School of Theology, Boston, Massachusetts.

During his eleven years in Durham, the Reverend Lynch Lynch has been active in human relations, civic, political, and social welfare activities. He has served as President of the Durham Minister's Alliance; member of the Board of Advisors to the Durham County Mental Health Center; member of the Board of Directors, Edgemont Community Center; Delegate to Durham County, 4th District, North Carolina State Democratic Convention; and unsuccessful candidate for Mayor of Durham in 1973; Chairman of Democratic Precinct No. 12 (Pearson School); Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People; and member of the Executive Committee, Durham County Democratic Party.

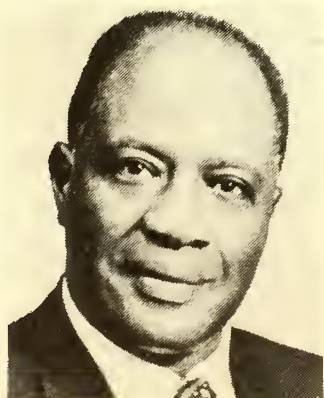
Presently, he is Chairman of the Political Participation and Development Committee, Durham Branch of the NAACP; member of the Board of Directors, Triangle Housing Corporation; member of the Board of Directors, Durham Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony; member of the Durham Committee of the Affairs of Black People; and

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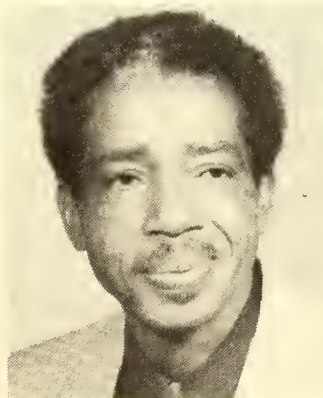
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About Your Baptist Informer

Raleigh — There are many ways that subscribers can be of help to the Baptist Informer. The paper belongs to all Baptists and is what Baptists have made it. It is an outstanding Religious Journal because of the cooperation of Black and White Baptists. The editor and staff are deeply grateful for the many interesting news items and informative photographs that have been sent in to the office.

A new feature that you will notice in your Baptist Informer is the "Expiration Date", found near the address label. This date indicates when that particular subscription expires and reminds the subscriber that he/she should send in \$2.50 for renewal of the subscription. This volunteer method of renewal of subscriptions is being used to help keep the operational cost as low as possible. A \$2.50 subscription covers a twelve month period.

Through the years, Baptists have depended on pastors and local leaders to sell and promote the paper. There is no cost for news articles or photographs, however, it has been suggested that only black and white photographs be sent in with news articles. Color photographs are more difficult to reproduce in clear print. News articles should be mailed to our office no later than the 10th of the month.

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Flash!

From Pres. McLester

President McLester said last week, that she was very happy over the fact that Pastor Lorenza Lynch and the White Rock Baptist Church had invited The Woman's Baptist State Convention to Durham. Durham, as you know is where she resides. Mrs. McLester has asked the Editor to please publish this statement for the Durham County Missionary Union and its departments of Youth, Young Adults and Seniors:

To all registered Delegates who are not involved in attending executive Board meetings, you are invited to participate in a tour of the City and surrounding areas on Monday from 11:30 until 4:30 P.M. The Bus will leave from the Durham College Campus at 11:30 A.M. sharp. You will need your Registration Credentials. The number that we can accommodate is limited therefore, please write a card to Mrs. McLester at 907 Morehead Avenue, Durham, N. C. 27707 or phone 489-2593. Deadline July 22nd. To be sure of a seat, you can send to the Woman's office your pre-registration.

We are using Youth Union Guides, Church Supervisors and Advisors and Young Adults to chaperon the Tour. Places to be visited are: North Carolina Mutual, A Tobacco Manufacturing Show Place, Duke Chapel, Research Triangle Park, Blue Cross-Blue Shield Building, South Square Mall and Northgate Mall. Don't forget to send each name that expects to participate, so we can check it against pre-registration. Remember, this is on MONDAY-No Money involved, only Registration for the Convention. May I remind you to please bring your Minnie C. Lyon Appreciation to the Finance Committee, if you have not sent it into the Office. We are activating this fund as an appreciation to our long time Missionary, who has returned, but yet with us. The idea is to honor her through whichever department you desire - 1/2 of whatever comes into our office will be presented to her as long as she lives and 1/2 to Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. After her demise, all will go for Foreign Mission.

The wisdom of man is not sufficient to warrant him in advising God. —Mary Baker Eddy

Action expresses more gratitude than speech. —Mary Baker Eddy

Wanted, Old Minutes !

Minutes and any of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, formerly known as the Educational and Missionary Convention and later the Union Baptist Convention are needed for writing a history of our Convention and Its Bodies. Please send any materials that will be helpful in this effort to the Baptist Headquarters as soon as possible, attention Dr.

O.L. Sherrill.

Minutes needed are listed below:

1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879, 1883, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945.

Baptist Urged To Pledge

Fairmont - Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention has issued an urgent appeal to all Baptist and friends of Shaw to make a sacrifice to help save our school.

During the One day session of the General Baptist State Convention in Reidsville, last May 4, Dr. Richard Fields, Vice President of Shaw explained to the Executive Committee that Shaw is in great need of immediate financial assistance. (Since that meeting Dr. Fields has resigned from Shaw effective June 30, 1977, stating "personal reason" for the resignation).

Dr. Johnson presented a plan to the convention which essentially is a program of sacrificial giving on the part of every Baptist. He requested that all Baptists give up a non-essential habit for two months and contribute the cost of that habit to Shaw. Pastors were given a copy of the Christian Habit Pledge Card below and asked to take it home and duplicate it for their members in order to save the cost of printing.

It was estimated that the average cost of non-essential habits is approximately \$5.00 per week or \$20.00 per month. During the month of May each Baptist was asked to pledge and send the money up by June 5, 1977. More than \$32,000.00 was realized through that effort.

The effort is still in progress during the month of June and the proceeds are to be sent to the Baptist Headquarters the first of July.

Reidsville — President Joy J. Johnson, General Baptist State Convention, urged all Baptist to make a pledge to aide Shaw University during the One Day Session of the General Baptist

State Convention last May 4. CHRISTIAN HABITS PLEDGE

I, _____ a Christian member of the _____ Church at _____ of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., pledge to give up my habits of tobacco, beverages, and etc. for the months of May and June, 1977 and contribute the cost of these habits of Christian Education — Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School, weekly or monthly. I further pledge if I fail to give up these habits for May and June, I will contribute the full cost of such habits to Christian Education plus a 25 percent penalty.

I further pledge to designate these contributions to my church for Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School or send them directly to the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601, with the understanding I will be given receipts and my church given credits.

Pledge Signature
Joy J. Johnson, GBSC
President

Correction

The Presidents' Prayer Breakfast, honoring Dr. O. L. Sherrill, will be held at the Royal Villa, Raleigh, North Carolina on July 27 at 7:30 a.m.

Each Moderator is asked to send from his association a designated gift to be presented to the Honoree.

Let us make this a memorable occasion for Dr. Sherrill.

Letters To The Editor

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Attention Church News Editor

Church News Editor For the interest of your church news readers, our society is compiling a book of religious poems by our members. If any of your readers have written a religious poem and would like our society to consider it for publication, please have them send their poem, with a self addressed envelope to: Religious Poems.

The National Society of Published Poets, P. O. Box 1976, Riverview Florida 33569. If you would share this information with you readers as a public service announcement, it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Phillip B. Shaw, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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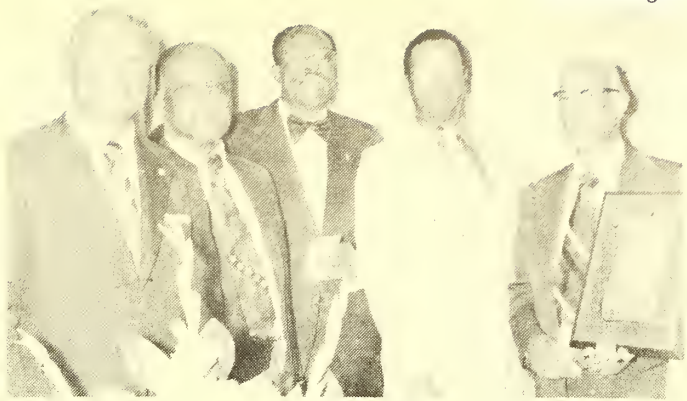
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LORENZO A. LYNCH, PASTOR
HOST - JOINT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION - JULY 25-29, 1977 - DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
The Convention Officials have decided that Messengers, both men and women will register DIRECTLY WITH THE MOTELS LISTED BELOW AND NOT THROUGH OUR BAPTIST MEN'S AND WOMEN'S HEADQUARTERS IN RALWIGH. We encourage you to share a room with others because we have a shortage of motel rooms and you save money if you stay in a room with others.
ALL DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION WITH ONE-NIGHT DEPOSIT ARE JULY 1, 1977 EXCEPT: Econo-Travel, June 25; Holiday-Inn-Chapel Hill, June 25; and Carolina Duke, May 30. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY! Most motels will refund your deposit should you have to cancel, provided you do so at least one week in advance; however, this is something with which you will have to DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE MOTEL.
SINGLE = One person, one double bed per room
DOUBLE = Two persons in one double bed per room
TWIN DOUBLE = Two persons, two double beds per room
AN ADDITIONAL PERSON = An extra person in a Twin Double. How bill is divided between persons sharing the room is up to them and the motel. Portable cots are sometimes available but at another additional cost.

MOTELS	RATES PER PERSON	NUMBER OF ROOMS RE- SERVED FOR CONVENTION	APPROXIMATE DISTANCE FROM CHURCH	CONTACT PERSON
1. Washington-Duke 605 W. Chapel Hill St. Phone: (919) 682-5411 SINGLE—\$15.60 DOUBLE—\$19.76 TWIN DOUBLE—\$19.76 (available on first come, first serve basis) ADDITIONAL PERSON—\$4.00	\$15.60 9.88	100	3-5 miles	Ms. Fran Cuthbertson
2. Downtowner 309 W. Chapel Hill St. Phone: (919) 688-8221 SINGLE—\$14.56 DOUBLE—\$16.64 TWIN DOUBLE—\$18.72 TWIN WITH 4 PERSONS—\$20.80	\$14.56 8.32 9.86 5.20	60	3-5 miles	Mrs. Leslie Walker
3. The Hilton Inn, 2424 Erwin Road Phone: (919) 286-7761 SINGLE—\$20.80 SINGLE WITH 2 PERSONS—\$24.96 TWIN DOUBLE—\$29.12	\$20.80 12.48 14.56	15	5-7 miles	Ms. Brenda King
4. Ramada Inn (Downtown) I-40 East-West Phone: (919) 683-1531—P.O. Box 9802 SINGLE—\$21.00 TWIN DOUBLE—\$28.00 TWIN WITH 4 PERSONS—\$38.00	\$21.00 14.00 9.50	35	3-5	Mr. John Cates
5. Holiday Inn West, 15-501 Bypass Phone: (919) 383-1551 SINGLE—\$16.00 TWIN DOUBLE—\$22.50	\$16.00 11.25	100	8-10 miles	Mr. Marshall Wilson
6. Sleepy Time Inn 4516 Chapel Hill Blvd. Phone: (919) 489-9146 SINGLE—\$9.50 TWIN DOUBLE—\$16.50	\$9.50 8.25	20	5-7 miles	Mr. Vernon Smith
7. Governor's Inn, Highway 54 Phone: (919) 549-8631 SINGLE—\$23.00 DOUBLE—\$28.00 TWIN DOUBLE—\$30.00 ADDITIONAL PERSONS (\$3.00)	\$23.00 14.00 15.00	50	Research Tri- angle Park	Ms. Laura Singleton
8. Ramada Inn—I-85 North Phone: (919) 477-7371 SINGLE—\$18.00 TWIN DOUBLE—\$26.00	\$ 9.00 13.00	30	8-10 miles	Mr. Vinson Kayatta
9. Happy Inn—I-85 North Phone: (919) 683-1321 SINGLE—\$11.44 DOUBLE—\$15.60 TWIN DOUBLE—\$17.88	\$11.44 7.80 8.94	10	15 miles	Mrs. Myrtle Taylor
10. Howard Johnson's Motor Inn 1800 Hillandale Road Phone: (919) 477-7381 SINGLE—\$14.00 DOUBLE—\$17.00 TWIN DOUBLE—\$20.00 ADDITIONAL PERSONS—\$3.00	\$14.00 8.50 10.00	20		Mr. S. Way
11. Motel 6, 2101 Holloway Phone: (919) 682-8043 SINGLE—\$9.81 DOUBLE—\$11.89 TWIN DOUBLE—\$13.97 TWIN WITH 4 PERSONS—\$16.05	\$ 9.81 5.95 6.99 4.02	80	8-10 miles	Mr. Ed Hapak
12. Econo-Travel, I-85 at Guess Road Phone: (919) 286-7746 SINGLE—\$10.61 TWIN DOUBLE—\$17.95	2 persons 8.98 3 persons 5.59 4 persons 4.49	10	7-8 miles	Mr. Bill Pearce
13. Skyland Motel, I-85 S Phone: (919) 383-2508 SINGLE—\$12.50 DOUBLE—\$14.00 TWIN DOUBLE WITH 4 PERSONS	\$12.50 7.00 6.00	14	8-10 miles	Mr. Paul Simpson
14. Carolina Duke, 2517 Guess Road Phone: (919) 286-0771 TWIN DOULE—\$16.88 TWIN DOUBLE WITH 4 PERSONS—\$20.88	\$ 8.44 5.22	30	7-8 miles	Mr. Grant Cotton
15. Cricket Inn, I-85 Phone: (919) 383-2549 SINGLE TWIN DOUBLE—\$16.77 ADDITIONAL PERSON—\$3.00	\$ 8.39	60	8-10 miles	Mrs. Nancy Oakley
16. Day's Inn, I-85 N Phone: (800) 241-7322 SINGLE—\$10.88 TWIN DOUBLE—\$13.88 ADDITIONAL PERSON—\$3.00	\$10.88 6.94	50	15 miles	Mrs. Nancy Parker
17. University Motor Inn, Chapel Hill, N.C. Phone: (919) 942-4132 SINGLE—\$14.00 DOUBLE—\$18.00 TWIN DOUBLE—\$22.00 ADDITIONAL PERSONS—\$2.00	\$14.00 9.00 11.00	35	15 miles	Mr. Doug Mitchell
18. Holiday Inn-Chapel Hill, N.C. Phone: (919) 929-2171 SINGLE—\$18.00 TWIN DOUBLE—\$25.00 ADDITIONAL PERSONS	\$ 9.00 12.50 3.00	50	15 miles	Mr. Herb Jacobs
19. Tarheel Motor Lodge-Chapel Hill, N.C. Phone: (919) 942-4177 SINGLE—\$10.40 TWIN DOUBLE—\$12.00 ADDITIONAL PERSONS—\$2.00	\$10.40 6.00	27	15 miles	Mr. Allen Townsend

DORMITORY SPACE will be available at Durham Business College but this space is recommended for the youth since it is in walking distance of the church. Rates will be \$6.00 per person in a double room. Send reservations to White Rock care of Mrs. Elizabeth Tate and Mrs. Frances Schooler.



Left to right: Dr. Sloan F. Hodges, Executive secretary the Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc., Washington, D.C.; Dr. O.L. Sherrill; Dr. E.B. Turner; Dr. C.R. Edwards; and Dr. H.L. Mitchell.

Certificates Awarded

Drs. Sherrill, Edwards and Mitchell were given certificates of recognition for their loyalty and service to the Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. Hodges delivered the featured address in the place of Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., pastor, Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California, who was ill.

Contribution Rates For Space In Souvenir Booklet

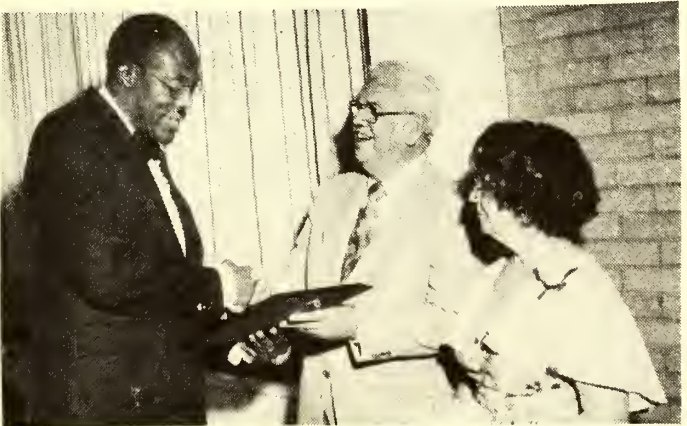
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Lorenzo A. Lynch, Chairman
Host Steering Committee of Durham Joint Baptist Convention of N.C. Annual Meetings for 1977
P.S. Messengers - Please Pre-register for motels early! Send your one night's deposit directly to motels with your request for reservations! Thanks!

Henry Martin Tupper Award Given

Raleigh - One of the outstanding highlights of the Shaw Divinity School's Third Annual Henry Martin Tupper Banquet was the presentation of the Henry Martin Tupper Service award to Dr. Wendell R. Grigg. Dr. Grigg is the director of Development and Professor of Missions in the Shaw Divinity School. He will retire June 30, 1977.
Also seen in the photo is Mrs. W.R. Grigg and Dr. E. Burns

Turner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School.
The Henry Martin Tupper Service Award is presented on the basis of the contribution an idividual has made to the Divinity School. Dr. Grigg has been a significant contributor to the renaissance now underway at the Divinity School. Dr. Grigg's entire immediate family was in attendance at the Banquet.



Rev. E. B. Turner, W. R. Grigg, Mrs. Grigg.

Annual Leadership Training Conference Growing

Thelma C. Horton

LAUREL HILL — The fortieth annual Leadership Training Conference, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., Mrs. J.B. McLester, president, was held June 6-10 at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Mrs. M.A. Horne, executive secretary-treasurer (WBH&FMC), served as conference chairperson; Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, second vice president, instructor and Mrs. R.D. Lucas, pianist, coordinator.

Seventy women sought to prepare themselves for the "Helping Ministry". They praised the lord, and thanked Him for the glorious privilege He had afforded them for spiritual and emotional awakening, through study, recreation, fellowship and prayer. Someone stated that this conference was one of the best "with a sweet spirit from the beginning to the end". The Evaluation Committee, chaired by Mrs. Hazel Everette, Goldsboro, reported that the "atmosphere was conducive to almost every need".

Mrs. Horne presided during the opening session and several suggestions were made to insure a week of democratic living and enjoyment. The theme "Preparing For Christian Growth and Service" was formulated from the scripture "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad and lead me along the path of everlasting life." (Psalm 139:23-24 LB)

"Search Me, Lord" was the conference theme song.

The early morning worship services, held at 6:00 a.m. in the cabins, assembly room and outdoors, set the tone for the success of each day. Mrs. Martha Turrentine, Chapel Hill, served as chairperson. Mrs. Lucas directed all musical activities. Many hearts were inspired and souls were lifted as the sisters meditated upon the words of each song and vowed to continue to witness for the Lord.

Mrs. Annie B. Bryant, Supply, conducted the "Nature Study". She talked about the various plants, trees, flowers and birds found at the assembly. This study was designed to help create an awareness of God's provisions for man's well-being. They were challenged to become more responsible stewards.

The basic textbook, taught by Mrs. Horton, was "Special Skills for Missions One" by Pat Thompson. The primary purpose of the book is to help Christians increase their mission action skills by becoming sensitive and open to one's own needs and feelings. This is the gateway to understanding and accepting the needs and feelings of others. She also taught the Organization and Structure of the Woman's Convention Program and lead a discussion on the theory and practice of prayer.

The Sunday School Lesson was presented by Madames Hazel Everette, Hagar Jarman, Annie R. Bryant and Helen Gilford. They stressed the point that one cannot become a leader until he answers the "call of God" and



Leaders that attended the Leadership Training Conference at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly last June 6-10.



Mrs. Minnie C. Lyons, retired Missionary addressing the Leadership Training Conference at the J.J. Johnson Assembly, June 8.

that God prepared those He calls.

Two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Holloway and Miss Ethel Stanfield, both of Durham, shared many unique ideas during the arts and Craft Class. They portrayed the importance of being a good steward of one's possessions.

The Reverend Leroy Davis, minister, Solid Rock Baptist Church, Laurinburg, preached a challenging and soul-stirring sermon on Wednesday evening. He chose for his subject, "Getting A Divine Check-Up", using Psalm 139:24-25 as his text. Someone said, "We really had church". The music furnished by Solid Rock's Youth Missionary Choir was outstanding.

Some 72 persons, attired in evening fashions were escorted, on Thursday evening by Banquet Hostesses Mabel Jones and Jettie Lucas, to their respective seats, to participate in the first banquet to be held at the Baptist Assembly. The tables were decorated with lovely arrangements of spring flowers (furnished by the Scotland County Missionary Sisters) and bows of long-leaf pines. Mrs. Horton served as toastmistress. The dinner, which was graciously served by Greg Moss, Statesville and David Lucas, Kings Mountain, and prepared by Mrs. Mary Smith, Conference dietitian, was enjoyed by everyone. Miss Willie Lee and Mrs. Mabel Kelly and the sisters of Scotland County demonstrated their culinary talents and provided the dessert for the evening.

Mrs. E.B. Turner, first vice president, presented President McLester, who spoke from the subject "Winning The World To Christ". She stated that the "whole process of service is one

of outreach". She challenged the banqueteers to use every available opportunity to grow, so that they may render effective Christian service. David Lucas sang "Nobody Knows The Trouble I See", a well-known spiritual. Other program participants were Rev. and Mrs. John Daniels, Miss Minnie C. Lyons, Madames Rosa Holloway, Lois Pendergrass and Nina Parker.

Mrs. Horton expressed appreciation to Madames Edith Samuels, Jessie Gaddie, Lois Pendergrass and Martha Turrentine for the most impressive Memorial Service held on Wednesday.

Friday came too quickly for most, but they sang praises to God for a good week during the hour of "Reflection and Testimony". Mrs. Horne gave some remarks and listened to the Committees' Reports. Mrs. Helen Gilford gave the resume' and Mrs. McLester presented



Rev. Leroy Davis, pastor, Solid Rock Baptist Church, Laurinburg, delivering the Wednesday evening Inspiration message at the Leadership Training Conference at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, June 9.

certificates for Study. A Fellowship Circle was formed, Mrs. Horton read several poems and Psalm 139:23-24, while Mrs. Lucas played "Search Me Lord". The closing prayer was offered by Rev. John Daniels.

Christian Freedom And Responsibility In The Home

By Linda Byrum Nelson

Monroe - When Jesus entered the world it was the will of the Father that He should grow to maturity in a home and know the love and discipline of earthly parents. In this way, God forever placed His approval upon the home as a divine institution.

What is a home? A roof to keep out the rain? Four walls to keep out the wind? Floors to keep out the cold? Yes, but a home is more than that. It's the cry of the baby, the song of the mother, strength of the father, the warmth of loving hearts, the light from happy eyes, kindness, loyalty and comradeship - that's what makes up a home. A home is the first school and church for young ones, where they learn what is right and what is good and what is kind. Where they go for comfort when they are hurt and sick. Where joy is shared and sorrow is eased. Where fathers and mothers are respected and loved and where children are loved and wanted - that's a home. Where the simplest food is good enough for Kings because it is earned. Where money is not as important as love and kindness. And as someone has said "where even the tea kettle sings out for happiness." That is home.

A home can only fulfill its true purposes when it is God - Controlled. Leave Christ out of your heart and the life of your family and He will transform your home. The home is the center of spiritual power and influence - the nearest thing to heaven on earth.

Christian freedom is given to all who have accepted Christ into their life and the responsibility begins at home.

A Christ centered family attends Sunday School and Church every Sunday, reads the Bible daily in their home and prays together. Christ is a part of their every day life, not a put on Sunday and a take off on Monday.

With Christ as the true head and the center of your home, you will make a new discovery. His strength will make up for your weakness. His love will control you in your every thought and action.

YIELD TO HIM!

Linda Byrum Nelson is president of the Young Adult Missionary Department, Director of the Youth Church and Teacher for the Intermediate Sunday School class in The Elizabeth Baptist Church, Monroe, Rev. T.H. Ferguson, Pastor.

Christian Freedom And Responsibility In Foreign Missions

By Julius M. McDonald

Monroe - A church is a light upon a hill, set where it can see. Jesus made clear the purpose of all churches and all Christians when he said, "You are like the light for the world". (Matthews 5:14)

As a light has no existence except when it is burning, a church has no existence except when it is serving. Its serving is limited only by its lack of imagination and dedication. It is a light burning when it evangelizes, when it teaches and preaches the love of God in Christ, when it pauses for worship, when it serves suffering mankind at home and abroad, and when it takes the gospel into the power center of our foreign brothers and sisters, for a church is a light burning brightest when it begins to be concerned for people beyond its near reach. These are the persons of special need and circumstances in a church's own community, across barriers, it is fulfilling its purpose for existence in the evangelization of the host. Mission is an effort to accomplish this purpose.

The good life and the good works of faithful Christians are the reflections of the Son of God. Jesus said to himself, "I am the light of the world. (John 8:12) His disciples are the mirrows

that turn the light so that men in dark places can see it. For this reason Christians are called the Children of Light.

A church is as light shines from the hilltop, not to call attention to itself but to cast its rays so that men might see their own paths; not for its own glory but for its service to our foreign brothers.

At the end of Jesus' brief ministry on earth, He made clear the basic work of His followers. Just before His arrest and crucifixion in a sermon on the final judgement - He spoke of the poor people of the world. He told of a king who sent his subjects into eternal punishment because they did not see that failure to give bread to the hungry, water to the thirsty, hospitality to the stranger, clothing to the naked and comfort to the sick was failure to the king. (Matthews 25) This sermon is a mandate for every church to be light in the darkness that surrounds the lines of men and women. Paul said, "You must shine among them like stars lighting up in the sky."

There are many many ways that we can contribute to Foreign Mission and just to mention two would be through prayer and stewardship.

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A Special Notice Of

Upcoming Events

The CHRISTIAN YOUTH SEMINAR meets at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 26-July 1, 1977, Rev. M.G. Wood, Director.

3701 Twin Lakes Court, Apt. 417
Baltimore, Maryland 21207

The 80th ANNUAL SESSION of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention meets with the NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, Reverend A. Russell Awkard, Pastor, August 29 - September 2, 1977.

For further information write to:

Dr. W.C. Somerville
1501 11th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR CONVENTION DELEGATES

Dates: August 29-September 2, 1977

Lott Carey Headquarters:
Galt House
Fourth Street at River
Louisville, Kentucky 40202
Telephone (502) 589-5200

Room Rates for Delegates:
Single-\$23.00 per person
Twin-double-\$30.00-\$5.00 for each
additional person, per night

It is imperative that delegates write for reservations immediately as all sessions of the Convention will be held at the Galt House.

Wendell C. Somerville,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Durham To

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member of General Board and Budget Committee, General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc.

He lead the White Rock congregation to plan, purchase land, and construct a new building at a cost of over one million dollars. Some accents of his ministry are a Children's Talk at the 10:55 a.m. Sunday Worship; a Pastor's Youth

Class; weekly tutoring for children and adults; citizen's dialogues; volunteer groups - a Bereavement Steering Committee; a Wedding Task Committee; a Church Library Committee.

He is married to the former Lorine E. Harris of Whitakers. Mrs. Lynch is the Librarian at Holton Junior High School, Durham City Schools. They are the parents of three children, Lorenzo A. Jr., Loretta E., and Leonzo D. Lynch.

Christian Freedom

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As a Christian concern about our sisters and brothers in Uganda, Africa and its leader Idi Amin, I beg that we pray for God's strength upon them. I am proud to stay that the "Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. are concerned about the education of the children of Africa and we are supporting them through stewardship by providing funds for a library.

Pause

Just before his ascension, Jesus said, "Go, then to all people everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthews 28:18-20)

This makes clear that God has a mission to the world, that God's people are synonymous with that mission; the object of the mission. The exclusive place of a church in this divine enterprise is shown in the saying of Jesus, "What you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven. (Matthews 16:19)

I would like to close with a prayer:

Our Father, with so much bitterness aboard in the world -

this poor bleeding world, stumbling from blunder to blunder, hallow with graves, hard with hate - may we who own the name of Christ, shed abroad Thy love.

We pray for a broader vision of the needs of all mankind, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity.

Help us to live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt.

Help us to be gentle, walking softly with one another.

Help us to be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's of cause to flow one needless tear.

Help us to stand for what is right, not because it may yield dividends later, but because it is right now.

Help us to be as anxious that the rights of our foreign brothers and sisters shall be recognized as we are that our own shall be established.

Help us to be as eager to forgive others as we are to seek forgiveness.

Help us to know no barriers of creed or race, that our love may be like Thine - a love that sees all men as Thy children and our brothers.

God, help us to be ministers of mercy and ambassadors of kindness for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Julias M. McDonald is Librarian of the Antioch Baptist Church, Monroe, N.C., Dr. E.H. Martin, Pastor.

WOMEN'S PAGE



Miss Elizabeth Brooks



Mrs. Omega Johnson



Mrs. Bonnie Daniels



Mrs. Eva Pratt



Mrs. Natalie Mitchell

Highlights Of Women's Convention

WHITE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

The Reverend L.A. Lynch, Pastor

THEME: "ARISE, LET US GO HENCE"—JOHN 14:31

THEME SONG: "I'LL GO WHERE YOU WANT ME TO GO DEAR LORD"

MUSIC: The Woman's Convention Choir: Mrs. J.Y. Mims, Soloist, Mrs. E.L. Kirby, Soloist, Mrs. Jettie Lucas, Organist, and Mrs. M.C. Grier, Choir Directress.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS with Chairperson Clara N. Hayes, Monday, July 25 at 10:45 a.m., White Rock Baptist Church.

GENERAL BOARD MEETS with Chairperson Maggie White, Monday, July 25-1:45 p.m.

THE CONVENTION IN ACTION: Executive Secretary Horne. MISSION STUDY CLASS INSTRUCTOR: "THE LISTENING WOMAN I AM": Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Instructor, St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount.

4TH PRE-CONVENTION BANQUET: Monday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m. Durham Civic Center, Corner Foster and Morgan Streets. Speaker: Mrs. J.L. Powell, Nashville, Tenn. Presentation of Speaker, Mrs. J.A. Little, Convention Historian, Monroe.

PREACHING AT ITS BEST: Dr. Otis L. Hairston, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro; The Reverend J.W. Wallace, Pastor, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Kannapolis; and Moderator, St. Paul Baptist Association, The Reverend J.T. Scott, Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Gastonia.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESSES: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. — Mrs. J.B. McLester, Senior;

Thursday, 6:45 p.m. — Miss Elizabeth Brooks, Youth Department; Thursday, 7:10 p.m. — Miss Matalie Mitchell, Young Adult Department.

THE THEME SKIT: "ARISE, LET US GO HENCE" written by Mrs. J.Y. Mims, Henderson.

THEME SYMPOSIUM: "ARISE, LET US GO HENCE":

In State and Foreign Mission — Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse, Fairmont;

In Seeking Lost Souls — Mrs. Mable Jones, Brunswick; In Supporting Objectives — Mrs. Pauline Reid, Goldsboro; In Living For Jesus — Mrs. Jeanne C. Gregory, Gastonia; The Wrap Up — Mrs. Minerva Evans, Walstonburg. MEMORIAL SERVICE — Mrs. Eva H. Johnson, Salisbury, Fourth Vice President and Ms. Augusta White, Salisbury, Executive Board Member.

Worship participants: Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Chairperson, Durham.

Supported by: Mrs. Josephine Crowder, Mineral Springs; Mrs. Hazel Everette, Goldsboro; Mrs. Lois Pendergrass, Charlotte; Mrs. Louise Robinson, Charlotte; Mrs. Conavies F. Perry, Monroe; Mrs. Rosa L. Rucker, Greensboro.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m. — Annual Reports: Executive Secretary Horne and Executive O.L. Sherrill.

EARLY MORNING WORSHIP: 6:00 a.m.: Mrs. E.S. Norris, Mrs. Estelle Wright, Mrs. Annie L. Bryant, Mrs. Annie L. Chadwick, Mrs. Beulah Monroe and Mrs. Hattie Williams.

OTHERS ON PROGRAM: Mrs. Roxanna Pitts, Winston - Salem; Miss Carrie Johnson, Charlotte; Mrs. Annie Rorie, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Ethel Bittle, Charlotte, Mrs. Helen Falls, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Evalena Clayborn, Winston-Salem.

The 1977 Missionary Training Conference, Mrs. Martha P. Turrentine, Chapel Hill.

The 1977 Youth Bible Camp — Dr. J.C. Harris, Dr. W.B. Lewis and Mrs. Virginia Daye.

A LOOK AT PUBLICATION: Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas, Missionary Helper - Handbooks and the Reverend I.B. Horton, Editor of Baptist Informer.

Mt. Peace Observes

Fourth Annual Banquet

BY CARRIE B. JOHNSON
Charlotte - The setting was breathtaking. The place, the new Radisson Plaza Hotel, downtown Charlotte. The location in the Plaza was the Independence Room. The occasion was the Fourth Annual Banquet of the Mount Peace Woman's Auxiliary. At seven o'clock the doors were opened and some five hundred awaiting ladies and gentlemen entered. Music for the occasion was provided by Mr. James Ellison on piano and Mrs. Rose Campbell, soloist. While the evening's guests dined on a delicious meal prepared by the chef of the Radisson, the electrifying Mrs. J. B.

McLester, president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, spoke. She was very enjoyable to the listening ears of the crowd. As the evening came to a close, gifts and recognitions were given to several of the ladies for their parts done for the occasion. As the good-nights were said at the end of the evening the elegance of everything was a sight to behold. We are very much looking forward to the next year.

These ladies spearheaded this gala affair: Mrs. H.S. Diggs, Chairwoman and Mrs. Parthenia Stitt, co-chairwoman.

July Convention Program Planned

The Laymen's League along with the other auxiliaries to the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. will hold its annual meeting at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Durham, N.C., July 25-29, 1977. All of the laymen meetings will be held at Mount Zion and the joint session will be held at Saint Joseph A.M.E. Church or at White Rock Baptist Church.

We are looking for you, registration will be Monday, July 25 at Mount Zion, our

Laymen executive board will meet at 11:00 a.m. Monday at Mt. Zion.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be a mixture of auxiliary meetings and joint sessions. Laymen pay close attention to the following events that will occur:

Tuesday, July 26, 1977 Laymen Sessions beings Welcome Program

Wednesday, July 24, 1977 Prayer Breakfast - Royal Villa - Raleigh, President J.J. Johnson

Address - General Baptist State Convention, Ninth Session - Ushers and Laymen President Address

Thursday, July 28, 1977 Ambassador Program

Reports will be scattered out during the week.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Durham, support us with your money and your presence.

Waverly Camp, Jr.
Field Secretary Laymen's League

Liquor By The Drink Refuses To Die; Someone Always There To Resurrect It

Liquor-by-the-drink refuses to die. We continually lay it to rest, but someone is always there to resurrect it.

Its most recent resurrection was by Senator William G. Smith of New Hanover. He says that he really opposes Senate Bill No. 735, but introduced it because the people of his district wanted him to.

That kind of representation has to be admired. After all, members of the General Assembly are elected to be representatives of the people. Yet, the question arises, "Is Senator Smith really representing the majority of his constituents?" Has he conducted a new poll regarding this matter? According to the 1973 poll

(Statewide LBD Referendum) the people of Senator Smith's district voted AGAINST Liquor-by-the-drink, 10,438 to 8,662. Is the introduction of this bill representation of the people or representation of a special interest group?

I'm sure that the members of the General Assembly want to feel that they represent the sentiments of the majority of their constituents. If in reality they do, Senate Bill No. 735 will die a quick, inglorious death. The Senate ABC Committee can perform the execution. Anything that has dominated the agenda of the General Assembly, wasting so much of the legislators' time and the taxpayers' money, should not be

granted the dignity of getting on the floor. However, should it make the Senate floor, there should really be no more than four votes for its passage.

The aforementioned conclusion is reached on the basis of the poll of the people. In 1973 only one senatorial district voted for Liquor-by-the-drink, Senate District 22, with four senators (two of whom have taken public stands opposing LBD). All other senatorial districts voted against liquor-by-the-drink.

The people of North Carolina have spoken! It will be interesting to see if elected officials have heard the voice of the people and will give them the kind of representation they deserve.



Mr. John McQueen, State Laymen's League Pres. (L) Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., State Laymen's Secretary.

The Church Music Leaders

It is vitally important that our churches take a careful look at our music directors, Ministers of music, song leaders, organist and pianist. These people play an important part in our church life and worship service.

Here are some characteristics we should look for in securing these persons. So many times we painstakingly argue and fuss over calling a minister to serve and lead us, yet we go out anywhere and get some one to play or bang on our musical instruments.

Let us look at those characteristics.

1. A firm belief in the Lord Jesus Christ or his personal Savior
2. A member of a Baptist Church.
3. A person skillful in music and the art of communicating with people.
4. Must be concerned
5. A good supporter of the total church program.

It would help tremendously if we would write out job descriptions for our workers in churches so that one may know his job. Many times we have people in our churches who are placed in certain positions but they don't know what to do.

Listed below is a guideline that I have prepared for you to study. Please remember that this is only a suggested guideline. Add your own ideas to this, or maybe you have some better ideas.

Church Music Leaders

Job Description Guidelines

A. The Church Music Director of Minister of Music

1. Principal functions: The music director or minister of Music is responsible to the church for planning, conducting, and evaluating the church music program.
2. Responsibilities

a. Assist the pastor in planning the congregational services of

the church; be responsible for the selection of the music.

b. Be aware of weddings and funerals to be held in the church; be available for counsel and arrange and provide music for special activities in cooperation with appropriate individuals or groups.

c. Direct music groups and congregational singing.

d. Coordinate the performance schedule of music groups and individuals in the function of the church.

e. Supervise maintenance of music materials, supplies, musical instruments and other music equipment in the church.

f. Cooperate with state, associational and convention leaders promoting activities of the denomination and the church.

B. Organist - Pianist

1. Principal Functions: The church organist and - or pianist is responsible to the music director for playing for congregation services, weddings, and funerals and for accompaniment musical groups as assigned by the Church Music director.

2. Responsibilities:

a. Play for all services of the church, both regular and special, as assigned.

b. Play and be available to advise concerning choice of instrumental music for weddings, funerals, special occasions.

c. Assist in planning worship service, choir rehearsals, and special musical events.

d. Assist the director as requested in appraising and selecting music.

e. Supervise use of musical instruments.

f. Serve as accompanist for choirs, ensembles, and soloists.

Waverly Camp, Jr.
Secretary of Church Music
GBSC

College Youths In Summer Ministeries

By Dr. Corbin Cooper

Boiling Springs — Pictured above are a group of young people who were part of 150 Students in training at Gardner Webb college for summer ministeries.

This group is sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Ministeries. They met during the

first week of June for a week of orientation. They will be working in churches, the Baptist Assembly, and a variety of other community ministeries.

These young people are part of more than 30 youth who serve each summer in Christian ministry. They represent an important part of the total program sponsored by the two

Baptist State conventions.

Churches and other groups who wish to use a college student during the summer of 1978 should contact Corbin Cooper,

Department of Cooperative Ministeries, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



Front row (l to r): Mary Veale, Patricia Scarboro, Rosalyn Kelly, Linda Brown, Danita Dixon, Belores Peterson, and David Lucas. Second row (l to r): Marilyn Richardson, Shawn Thompson, Dianna Heath, Gregory Moss, Randy Severs, Daryle Garner. Third row (l to r): Larry Foster, James Tyson, and Randall Beavers.

Raynor Succeeds Boone

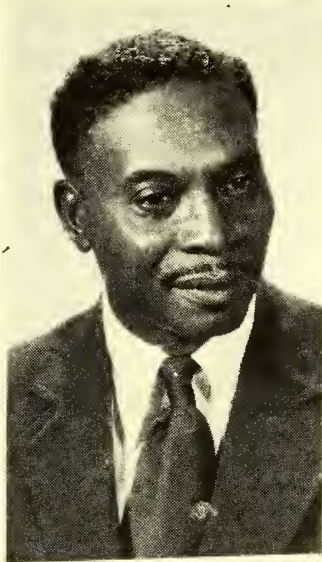
By Mrs. Willie N. McKoy

Kinston — The Reverend William Kenneth Raynor, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, East Street, Kinston, to succeed Dr. R. Irving Boone who retired last October. Reverend Raynor is a native of Craven County, the son of Suddie Raynor Murril and the late Kenneth Raynor. He is married to the former Audrey May Brown and is the father of eleven children.

Converted at the early age of seven years, he was baptized by the late Reverend S.L. Stanford and became a member of the Corinth Chapel Baptist Church, Fort Bornwell, N.C. He received his call to the Gospel Ministry at the age of fifteen years and was ordained as a Baptist minister at age eighteen.

The Reverend Raynor attended New Bold Training School in Fort Bornwell and East Carolina School for Ministers for twelve years under the leadership of Reverend R. Irving Boone.

He has served as pastor of the following churches: Virgil Hill, New Bern; Hill Chapel, Trenton; First Baptist Kellumtown, Hurbert; Washington Chapel, Jacksonville; Bethel Edwards, Edwards; St. Monica, Grimesland; Winn Chapel,



Reverend William Kenneth Raynor

Mount Olive; Saint Lewis, Chinquapin and First Baptist, Rose Hill; all Baptists of North Carolina. He is counselor to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Department of the Middle District Baptist Association; secretary of the Trent River Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Association and a member of its Executive Board. He is also a member of the Bear Creek Baptist Association.

Well-Known Pastor Honored

Pastor receives bronze plaque for 28 years of dedicated service, as president of the Lanes Creek Sunday School and B.T.U. convention of the Lanes Creek Association. Rev. J.E. Crowder served the convention as president from July, 1946 until July 1973, when he resigned.

Rev. Crowder was born in Marshville, N.C. Union County. He has served as pastor of the following churches, Wingate Baptist Church, Wingate, N.C., Red Leval Baptist Church,

Houston, N.C. He is presently serving as pastor of St. Davese Baptist Church Wingate, N.C. and Friendship Baptist Church, 501 Burke Street, Monroe, N.C. Rev. Crowder is married to the former Miss Josephine Craig.

Rev. John Bewgon Crowder is a graduate of Friendship Jr. College Rock Hill, S.C., Benedict College Columbia, S.C. He also studied in the School of Religion at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N.C.



Rev. J. E. Crowder

Nineteenth Annual Institute Held

By Mrs. Lucy Gray

Tarboro - The Batts Chapel Baptist Church has completed its nineteenth Annual Training Institute. The Institute this year, held in March, was a "Master Piece", the Lord working with us. The theme was: "Arise, Let Us Go Hence" (John 14:31).

Instructors for the Institute were: Young Adults and Adults, Dr. G. E. Brown, pastor of Batts Chapel; Sr. Missionary Department and Young Adult

Department, Sister Lucy Gray; Youth No. 1, Sister Callie M. Suggs; Youth No. 2, Sister Willie E. Batchelor.

The enrollment for the week was 375. In attendance were individuals from three associations; sixteen churches; six ministers' wives and seven Deacon's wives.

"O come let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker."

Missionary Institute Held In Granville Co.

By Willia P. Wilkins

Oxford — The Missionaries of Granville County held their Annual Institute recently at the Whetstone Baptist Church, Oxford, N.C., Reverend G.A. Gilchrist, pastor. Theme: "Arise, Let Us Go Hence".

Guest Teacher - Mrs. C.E. McLester, President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

THE BIBLE: GOD'S MISSIONARY MESSAGE TO MAN — was studied. Mission was the key word studied — Lessons were taught from the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Those attending the institute were greatly inspired.

Music was rendered by the Mountain Spring Choir and the Whetstone Chorus. A summary of the week's institute was given by Mrs. H.T. Wilson, Young Adult Director. Closing remarks were given by Mrs. Ruby Allen, special worker and Mrs. Mary Willaims, president.

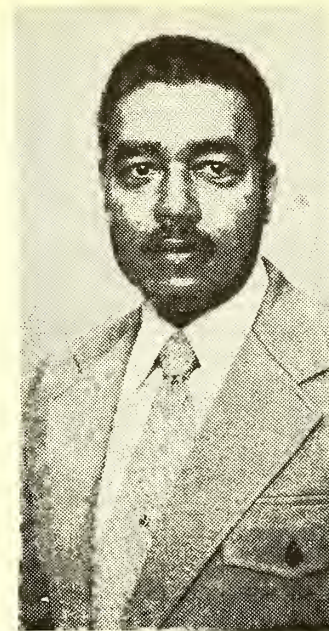
The Institute closed with prayer, followed by Fellowship Hour in the church's Fellowship Hall.

He has served as associate pastor of the Roanoke Salem Baptist Church and was call to pastor that church in February 1976. He is also pastor of the Tillery Chapel Baptist Church, Tillery N.C., and Patillo Chapel Baptist Church, Henrico, N.C. with his wife, Molester, and six of their eight children.

Bethlehem Installs Pastor

By Mrs. V.M. Faison

Seaboard - The Bethlehem Baptist Church has installed the Reverend Edward L. Fleming Sr., as pastor in a very dignified service here last April 3. Reverend Fleming is a native of Halifax County, N.C. The Reverend Millard F. Boone presided over the service, scripture was read by Dr. F.L. Bullock, a solo was rendered by Reverend Morris Shearin, and the installation message was delivered by Reverend Jeremiah Webb, pastor, Little Hope Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. The change to the church was given by Reverend John B. Moore and the key to the church was presented to the new pastor



Rev. Edward L. Fleming Sr.

by Deacon Melvin Broadnox.

Reverend Fleming received his early education in the public schools of Halifax County and his Bachelor of Theology Degree from the Shaw Divinity School last May 14. He was baptized into the Christian fellowship at the Carter's Chapel Baptist Church and later moved his membership to London Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids. He served as Sunday School Superintendent of the church for a number of years.

Reverend Fleming received his call to the Gospel Ministry in May 1973 and was ordained a Baptist Minister in August 1974.

All Baptist Assembly Program

The Theme: "The Old Gospel for a New Century." John 1:1

Monday, July 25, Executive Committee — 1:00 p.m. St. Joseph AME Church; General Board — 3:00 p.m. St. Joseph AME Church; 4th Annual Banquet-Woman's Convention, 7:00 p.m. Durham Civic Center.

Tuesday, 26: Joint Session, White Rock Baptist Church; 9:00 Convention called to order by the President-Officially opening; 10:30 Auxiliary meetings: General Convention — St. Joseph AME Church's Sanctuary, S.S. & BTU Congress — St. Joseph's Classrooms and Educational Building; Laymen's — Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Ushers — Mt. Vernon's Fellowship Building

Tuesday Evening: Joint Session, White Rock Baptist Church

Addresses: President, S.S. Congress, J.L. Lassiter; President, BTU CONGRESS, C.T. Bellamy

Wednesday, 27: The President's Prayer Breakfast, honoring O.L. Sherrill Royal Villa, Raleigh, 7:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Joint meeting — Women's Hour; 11:30 a.m. Ministers in charge; President Johnson's Annual address

2:00 Joint Sessions Executive Secretaries Horne and Sherrill's reports, etc.

4:00 Sermon, H.S. Diggs, Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening—Joint session — Laymen and Ushers in charge

Thursday Morning — Auxiliary Sessions — Usually meeting places

Other Reports Shaw Divinity School

Thursday afternoon — Auxiliary Sessions

2:30 p.m. — Demonstration - Church Music

3:30 p.m. — James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest St. Joseph AME Church

Thursday Evening — Woman's Convention in Charge — Joint Session White Rock Baptist Church

Friday Morning - 9:00 a.m. (usual meeting places)

Report of other Committees, Closing Sermon - Rev. T.R. Vines



Dr. O.B. Burson, Pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Standing) giving a Tribute to Henry Martin Tupper during the Third Annual Henry Martin Tupper Banquet held at Shaw Divinity School.

Here by know we that
we dwell in him, and he
in us, because he hath
given us of his spirit.

Scholarship Support From Churches Growing

In March of 1976 the Friendship Baptist Church of Charlotte, Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., pastor, provided the first \$400.00 of an annual scholarship of this amount in honor of Dr. Coleman W. Kerry Sr., father of their pastor.

The scholarship is known as the Coleman W. Kerry Sr. Scholarship. It is to be awarded to the student selected by the Shaw Divinity School of Raleigh, N.C. This award is to be given to such a student on the basis of need and the maintaining of a "C" average.

Coleman W. Kerry, Sr. was born in Magnolia, Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Arkansas.

For a number of years he served as Field Editor for the National Baptist Voice, Official Organ of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. and Corresponding Secretary of the Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Through his untiring efforts funds were raised and given to Bishop College, Dallas, Texas;

Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.; Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock Arkansas; Butler Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee; Natchez College, Natchez, Mississippi and Shaw University Raleigh, N.C.

He was a renowned Evangelist and a great preacher. He has given to North Carolina two sons who pastor in Charlotte, N.C., Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., and Norman E. Kerry, pastors of Friendship and Greater Mount Sinai Churches, respectively.

Other similar scholarships made available are as follows: 1. Dr. G.S. Stokes Memorial Scholarship given by the Wake Baptist Association; 2. The First Baptist Church of Lumberton Scholarship; 3. The Rev. W. L. Reaves Scholarship given by the Lumber River Baptist Association; 4. The Rev. T.H. Dwellie Scholarship given by the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville; 5. The Rev. C.J. Cooper Scholarship given by the St. John Baptist Association; 6. The Rev. S.G. Dunston family and the Reedy Creek Baptist Association; 7. The Dr. John L. Tilly Award given by the



Rev. Coleman W. Kerry Jr.

Trustees of the Divinity School 8. The Dr. Miles Mark Fisher Scholarship given by the Theological Alumni; 9. The Rowan Baptist Association Scholarship; 10. The O.E. Dunn Memorial Scholarship given by the First Nazareth Baptist Church of Asheville; 11. The W.L. Mason Scholarship given by the St. James Baptist Church of Rocky Mount; 12. The O.S. Bullock Scholarship given by the First Baptist Church of Raleigh; 13. The P.A. Bishop Scholarship given by the Northampton County Baptist Association; 14. The A.S. Croom Scholarship given by the Union Baptist Church of Durham; 15. The Howell-Rutherford Scholarship given by the First Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) of Marion; 16. The Rev. J.W. Croom Scholarship by the First Baptist Church of Statesville.

The administration and trustees, faculty and students of the Shaw Divinity School unite to express gratitude to the churches who have so well expressed their concern for theological education.

Answers In Ministry To Blacks

Peoris, Ill... (BP) — For several years, the South Side Baptist Church here has picked up black children on its bus route.

"But it became more apparent we weren't meeting their real needs," pastor John D. Gilmore told the Illinois Baptist. "So a group of us went to Chicago to talk with a black pastor, Bobby Love. Love said if we meet the needs of black children in a white church, we'd need to enlist black adults to work with them.

"This caused us to face the question of whether we wanted to be a white church ministering to black people, or a bi-racial church ministering to all people," Gilmore said. "Or, were we just trying to make white children out of black children?"

Gilmore said that to answer these questions, they got better acquainted with fellow black Baptists.

"Not all our questions have been answered," Gilmore said. "But one vital question has been answered. Yes, bi-racial worship can be a beautiful experience!"

Wanted: Christians In Politics

SIoux CENTER, Iowa — WANTED: Lyle A. Gritters Christians involved or interested in politics.

"But should Christianity affect politics?" you might ask. "And if so, what positions should Christians take on issues?"

Dordt College and the National Association for Christian Political Action (NACPA) are sponsoring an International Christian Political Conference here August 26-29 to try to answer these questions.

U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) will keynote the weekend confab at an opening banquet Friday night, Aug. 26. A nationally known evangelical, Protestant Christian, the senator has openly professed that his faith does affect his politics.

Six seminar sessions, three mass-meeting, church services, a concert and a panel discussion will pack the rest of the conference, till early Monday afternoon, Aug. 29.

The Honorable Douglas C. Roche, Alberta member of the national Canadian Parliament, will speak at a breakfast Monday. This concerned Christian statesman will also lead two seminars.

Nine other speakers from across North America will lead 90-minute seminar all day Saturday and Monday morning.

—Dr. Robert Eells, former executive director of the Christian Government Movement, "Can Evangelicals Unite in the Political Arena?"

—Dr. William Harper, professor and chairman of the Political Science Department at Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., "Crises in Contemporary Democracy."

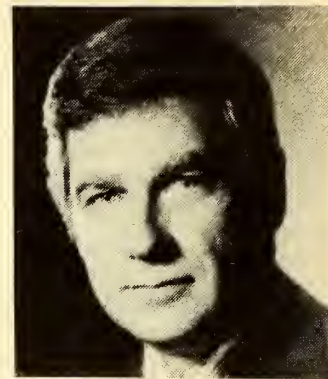
—Dr. Rockne McCarthy, professor of history at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Ill., "Civil Religion at the Crossroads"

—Dr. Richard Mouw, professor and chairman of the Philosophy Department at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., "Ecumenical Politics"

—Dr. Paul Schrottenboer, executive secretary of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod, "The Church and Politics"

—Dr. James Skillen, professor of political science at Gordon College, "Power vs. Justice: The Crisis in International Politics"

—Dr. Gordon Spykman, professor of theology at Calvin College, "Organized Christian



Sen. Mark Hatfield

Politics"

—Gerald Vande Zande, executive secretary of the Committee for Justice and Liberty (in Canada), "Environmental Justice: A Christian View of Political Responsibility"

—Dr. John Van Dyk, professor of philosophy at Dordt College, "A Biblical Perspective for Politics"

After listening to and questioning several of these speakers on Saturday, Aug. 27, conferees will enjoy listening to James Ward and his group "Elan" musically reflect their political ideas in a contemporary Christian concert.

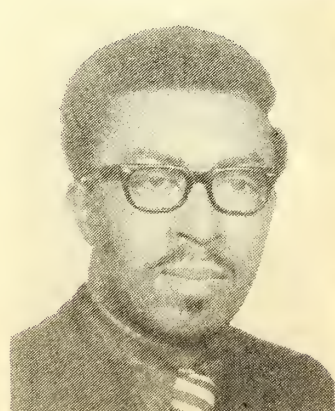
On Sunday afternoon, the Rev. John B. Hulst, chairman of the board of NACPA and dean of students at Dordt College, will speak to a mass rally—with the hundreds of conferees as well as people from the community in attendance — on "A Promise for the Future," referring to God's promise in Amos 9:11, "On that day I will restore David's fallen house..."

Hulst's topic pursues the theme of the conference: "The Future: Odyssey or Opportunity?" Convention planners feel North America's next 200 years can be an unsure, groping odyssey, or a thrilling opportunity to make God's influence felt everywhere.

Dr. Gordon Spykman, one of the seminar leaders, also a member of NACPA's board, will stimulate the conferees in a final address early Monday afternoon.

The registration fee covers eight meals, a banquet, three nights of lodging and all the other conference events. Students will be charged \$35, non-students \$50, and couples \$75. Registrants should mail their checks to Political Conference, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250.

Convention Personalities



Rev. John Daniels

Supt. of J. Johnson Bapt. Assembly



Rev. Leo Williams

Director of Christian Education

Rev. Erving Did Quite Well

Bankrupt, With 4 Cars, Boat, Etc.

By Biblical Recorder

Raleigh — In 1971, the BIBLICAL RECORDER warned its readers of a religious fund raiser who first identified himself only as "Rev. Ewing," but later fully identified as James Eugene Ewing who plastered North Carolina with nearly 700,000 mailings, supposedly raising money for his "Cathedral of Compassion" in Oak Cliff, a section of Dallas, Tex.

He paid the N.C. Motor Vehicles Department \$4,289 for 690,000 names of people who owned a 1964 car or older. It was not quite clear why the mailing went to people with a seven-year-old car except that one of the 39 things he promised to pay for was "a better car."

That year was his peak year in offerings—\$4.2 million. At the time, we were suspicious of Ewing and warned our readers against falling victim to these massive mailings.

Eventually, Ewing shifted his operations to Los Angeles where he recently filed for bankruptcy. His "Church of Compassion" there listed more than \$2.7 million in secured and unsecured claims and only \$486,000 in assets.

The personal bankruptcy petition revealed that Ewing owned four cars and a motorcycle valued at \$23,000, a \$40,000 boat, and \$7,230 in jewelry and clothing. A reporter for the Los Angeles Times said that Ewing's previous success in fund raising resulted from his uncanny knack of writing letter appeals for contributions and the sale of inexpensive items like prayer clothes and glow-in-the-dark light-switch plates.

Although Ewing had only an eighth grade education, his folks form letters were personalized by a computer-typed-in names

and mailed to as many as 1½ million homes a month. In recent years his salary must have dropped a bit because it was reported to be only \$63,000 to \$76,000 a year.

This is another classic example of naive, trusting people being "taken in" under the disguise of religion. Unfortunately, Ewing is not by himself. Example: People in North Carolina recently received a very emotional mailing on Uganda from the David Livingston Missionary Foundation, Inc., of Tulsa, Okla. The mailings showed horror pictures of those who have been killed under Idi Amin.

It was a powerful piece of propaganda, but the RECORDER contacted the Better Business Bureau in Tulsa and was given information which revealed that "excess of receipts over missionary disbursements" by the organization in 1975 was 26.3 per cent or nearly \$1 million. Total receipts were \$3,762,942. In 1975, Uganda was not among the 18 countries where the Foundation said it had work but recent news from there makes it a "hot country" to be exploited by fund-raising schemes. Chairman of the board is Billy James Hargis who had his problems in recent years with sexual charges made against him by students of his college in Tulsa.

When will our Baptist people learn that their local church is the best place on earth for their offerings? Although the RECORDER does not have adequate staff to check out all inquiries, if you are suspicious of an organization seeking money from you, we will be glad to check it out as time and staff permit. At least, we were able to warn our readers six years ahead of time on "Rev. Ewing."

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Baptist Conventioneers March On Durham

DURHAM — Motels and eating establishments were unable to accommodate the crowds as approximately 5,000 Baptist converged on Durham to

attend the All-Baptist Assembly last July 25-29. The Convention, hosted by White Rock Baptist Church, was royally entertained by pastors and officials of

churches and business establishments throughout the city. They arrived at the All-Baptist meet with banners flying under the theme: "The Old Gospel For A New Century". From the sound of the opening gavel by President, Dr. J.J. Johnson until the last benediction, the assembly was dominated by the Biblical Motto: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". (John 1:1)

The General Baptist State Convention was headquartered at the White Rock Baptist Church along with the W.B.H. & F.M.C. Other Convention sites included: The Durham Business College, where the Youth Department of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention met with over 500 young people; the Mount Zion Baptist Church, where the Laymen's League met; the Saint Joseph A.M.E.Z. Church, where the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union held its sessions; and the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, where the Ushers' Convention

was in session. The Young Adult Department of the W.B.H. &

F.M.C. was headquartered at
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Dr. J.J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention presenting plaque to Mrs. J.B. McLester outgoing President of the W.B.H. & F.M.C.

McLester Honored As

Four Year Tenure Completed

Mrs. Johnnie B. McLester, Durham, completed her tenure of office as President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. at the close of its 93rd annual session, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham. She said, "As I leave you this gavel, may I remind you that I will not be unemployed." "There is no unemployment season in Christ's vineyard."

Of course, those of us who know Mrs. McLester know her as an outstanding leader, educator and humanitarian. Four years ago, she pledged to "keep God in the fore-front." With Proverbs 3:5-7, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil" as her continuing guide regarded her opportunity to render service a real pleasure.

She has received many gifts and awards as an expression of appreciation and in recognition of her outstanding contribution and leadership to the Christian community. Among them was a plaque from the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., presented by President J.J. Johnson. A plaque and silver tray from Shiloh Baptist, Wilmington; gift of silver from

New Hope Association; attached
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Baptist Leaders Among

Governor Hunt's Appointees

RALEIGH — These Five Baptist leaders were honored last July 27, during the all Baptist Assembly President's Prayer Breakfast for outstanding leadership that resulted in their being appointed by Governor James Hunt.

Photo identification (left to right)

(1) Dr. E.B. Turner, 1st Baptist, Lumberton, Vice

Chairman State Democratic Party

(2) Dr. Jerry Drayton, New Bethel, Winston-Salem, Chairman of State Human Relations Council (See article this issue of the Informer)

(3) Dr. J.J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention.

(4) Dr. R.I. Boone, Kinston,

Member of the State Health Commission

(5) Dr. C.R. Edwards, 1st Baptist, Fayetteville, Member of the State Board of Education.

(6) Dr. J.R. Manley, 1st Baptist, Chapel Hill, Member State Sickle Cell Council

(7) Seated, Interim President of Shaw University, Dr. John W. Flemming.



Turner, Drayton, Johnson, Boone, Edwards & Manley.



Dr. J.J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention presenting plaque to Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Retiring Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention.

Retiring Executive Secretary

Appointed Ambassador-Consultant

RALEIGH — Retiring Executive Secretary - treasurer, O.L. Sherrill, was presented a plaque in the shape of the State

of North Carolina, and was told by the General Baptist State Convention president, J.J. Johnson: "I am appointing you Ambassador - Consultant til' The Lord calls you home." The plaque contained a replica of a man running, symbolizing the role that Dr. Sherrill has played during his 30 years tenure in office.

The brief ceremony, July 27, at the Royal Villa, Raleigh, was an emotion packed event. Highlights of the event included presentations to Dr. Sherrill by every department of the General Baptist State Convention. The moderators and the W.B.H. & F.M.C. presented money; other presentations include tributes and plaques.

Dr. Sherrill told the capacity audience at the Annual President's Prayer Breakfast of the General Baptist State Convention, that: "I am happily intoxicated by the exuberance of this occasion. All that I am, I owe to God, my mother and father and constituents of this great convention."

The Address for the occasion was delivered by Acting President of Shaw University, Dr. John W. Flemming who has been a life-long friend of Dr. Sherrill. His message, entitled: "Christian Ministries - Three Fold Task." Dr. Flemming stated that Dr. Sherrill has worn many hats and has worn all of them well. He stated that the

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The President's Pen

To the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.
Meeting at White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.
Rev. L.A. Lynch, Pastor
July 26, 1977

1. The General Baptist State Convention Churches establish Adult Literacy programs to teach adult reading and writing.
2. The General Baptist State Convention Churches establish Brain Bank Tutoring Centers to teach slow learners.
3. The General Baptist State Convention Churches recruit students for predominantly Black Institutions of higher learning for all races.
4. The General Baptist State Convention support the Wilmington 10 in their fight for freedom and petition Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. for their pardon.
5. The General Baptist State Convention commends President Jimmy Carter for his significant appointments of minorities, but insist that his appointments fall far short of campaign promises.
6. The General Baptist State Convention commends the President for his firm stand on Human Rights, but at the same time request he practice what he preaches at home first.
7. The General Baptist State Convention commends U.N. Ambassador, Andrew Young for his courageous stand on Human Rights, Racism and telling it like it is at home and abroad.
8. That the General Baptist State Convention commends Governor James B. Hunt for his significant appointment of minorities, especially members of the General Baptist State Convention, as well as urges him to appoint more, since the appointments do not reflect in any way the population ratio of Blacks in the State.
9. The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina strongly urge President William Friday and the North Carolina Board of Governors to carry out the recent Health Education and Welfare guidelines strengthening the predominantly Black Institutions of higher learning. Further to support Chancellor Lyons of Fayetteville State University in his statement, "Black enrollment will not decrease but will increase along with whites."
10. The General Baptist State Convention vigorously protest to President Friday and the Board of Governors for suggesting the closing of the Predominately Black Nursing Schools of Central, A & T, and Winston-Salem State Universities provided their graduates did not make significant higher test scores by 1981. However, we urge the strengthening of these school by greater funding and up-grading by the President and the Board of Governors.
11. The General Baptist State Convention urges the Governor, The Department of Corrections and the Legislature to refrain from spending millions of dollars in the construction of

prisons and use the money to eliminate the causes of crimes: poverty, illiteracy, injustices, inequities in the Criminal Justice System, discriminatory practices in hiring, housing, education, low wages, poor health and recreational facilities.

12. The General Baptist State Convention urges the Legislature to employ more Chaplains in the Department of Corrections and Youth Services in the last year of the biennium to expand religious services and counselling for the inmates.

13. The General Baptist State Convention in 1978 conduct a statewide Crusade for Christ Campaign to save 8,000 souls. Details to be worked out by Committee on Evangelism and President - simultaneous revivals in associations.

14. The General Baptist State Convention coordinate cooperative programs with Shaw University, Baptist State Convention, National Conventions, Interfaith and Interdenominational groups and coalition of consumer groups through the office of the President.

These programs would include: 1. Church housing, 2. Church plans, 3. Church programs (rural and urban ministries), 4. Social ministry (welfare, prisons, politics, lobbying and etc.) 5. Education libraries (adult literacy classes, voter education, consumer education, child care, literature, day care) and 6. Church finance (budgeting, bookkeeping, banking, purchasing - Where to get the best goods and services at the cheapest cost or How to know a bargain).

All these services must be provided for all our General Baptist supporting churches at no cost. This is the least we can do for their contributions and concerns.

15. The General Baptist Convention deplores the looting and burning by Blacks during the blackout in New York which will cost the tax payers millions of dollars. Further, we condemn all crime and violence at anytime and anywhere.

Editorial

Include Whites Too

We understand the Rev. James Barnett's desire to see black people take the lead in establishing a memorial to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Charlotte. But we hope his campaign to raise \$50,000 will offer white people an opportunity to contribute, too.

It is sometimes forgotten how important Dr. King was to white people. In teaching blacks to stand up for their rights, he taught them also to use non-violent tactics and to seek redress within the political and legal system.

Often in exhorting his Southern followers he spoke directly of the need to free Southern whites, too. The white man, he said, cannot be all he could be until the black man is

Tribute To Rev. A.J. Sherrill

I Emma Grace Fowlkes represent the "Voices of Hope Choral Group" of the Mercy Seat Baptist Church of Hampden Sydney, Va., of which Reverend Sherrill was the former pastor. He organized the group and came to be known as the Father of the Voices of Hope.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him. There will be a vacant chair. We shall linger to caress him. when we breathe our evening prayer.

A valiant soldier has fallen in the Army of the Lord. He played well his role on the stage of life as a true witness for his Master. The curtain falls and his life's drama is ended.

He was "Mr Punctuality" personified. As a pastor, he was tops. His leadership ability was outstanding. Born to lead. A man among men. Ever ready to lend a helping hand to any one in need. My loyal friend and my spiritual advisor. He has fought a good fight. The scars he received on the field of battle, he carried them with him. He has gone but will not be forgotten. His life's work will live on and on.

He has left his footprints on the sand of time. The lives of those he touched by the way were made more Christ like because they knew him.

Reverend Sherrill, to you we will not say good-bye, but rather good night. See you tomorrow.

Service of Memory, May 26, 1977

A Young's Chapel Baptist Church
Roxboro, N.C.
Written and Spoken by
Miss Emma Grace Fowlkes
Hampden Sydney, VFA.

Letter To The Editor

Waldenses Crafts Exhibited

Dear Rev. Horton,
I am writing to request coverage of our annual Waldensian "Celebration of the Glorious Return" festival which will be held this year on August 13th and 14th in the streets of Valdese. The festival celebrates the return of the Waldenses to

all he can be. Quoting John Donne, he reminded us all that no man is an island; all are a part of the main. Southern whites and blacks both were shackled by their segregated society.

In the softening of race relations here since then, many white people in the South begun to feel a sense of freedom. They have developed a pride in the society that they and Southern black people have been able to create together.

It is for this reason that we hope the Rev. Barnett will call upon the white community to participate in the memorial to Dr. King, too. That pride ought to be expressed and given a chance to grow.

The Charlotte Observer

Coming Events

Event: The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc.
Place: Miami Beach, Florida
Time: September 5-11, 1977
Host: Dr. J.H. Jackson, President
The Baptist Churches of Florida (See information about plane in this issue of the Informer)

Event: The Progressive National Baptist Convention
Place: Atlanta, Georgia
Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., President
Time: August 8-14, 1977

Event: The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention 80th Annual Session
Place: Galt Hotel - Fourth and River Road
Zion Baptist Church - Rev. A. Russell Awkard, pastor
Louisville, Kentucky
Time: August 29 - September 2, 1977
Dr. J.D. Bussey, President, Dr. W.C. Somerville, Executive Secretary

Event: A special tour of Southern Baptist Seminary
Sponsored by: The Shaw Board of Trustees
Time: During the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

Event: The Next One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc., Dr. J.J. Johnson, President
Place: Shiloh Baptist Church - Wilmington, Rev. Manuel L. Dillingham, pastor
Time: Tuesday before the second Sunday in May, 1978

Event: The Check Up Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc., Dr. J.J. Johnson, President
Place: Martin Street Baptist Church - Raleigh, N.C.
Dr. Paul Johnson, pastor
Time: Tuesday, October 25, 1977 9:30 a.m.

Event: Fiscal Year (General Baptist State Convention) Close
Time: August 31, 1977
Urgent: That all pastors, Auxiliaries, and leaders send in all monies to help realize the Convention's \$1,000,000 Budget Goal for 1977.
Shaw needs your contribution now ... Today.

Free Books Offered

By CORBIN COOPER
RALEIGH — A limited number of copies of two new books are available upon request from the Department of Cooperative Ministries with General Baptists. They are published by the Home Mission Board and deal with some current problems in Baptist ministries.

Crisis or Opportunity by B. Carlisle Driggers deal with problems related to racially and culturally changing communities. It is designed to assist churches who are confronted with the opportunity to minister in these communities. Driggers serves on the staff of the Home Mission Board as associate director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.

13th. Sunday's celebration will be religious in nature. The Waldenses are the oldest Protestant sect, predating John Huss and Martin Luther. So precious is our heritage that a group of New York Waldenses travel here for the "Celebration to the Glorious Return" festival.

I will be delighted to accommodate you, provide further information about our festival, refer you to historical works, give you a tour of our town's historical points of interest. Thanking you in advance, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
Robin Browne, Coordinator
Historic Valdese Foundation

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Baptist Women's Convention In Forefront

From: Thelma C. Horton,
Chairman, Public Relations
Woman's Baptist Home
and Foreign Missionary
Convention of North Carolina

After ninety-three years of continuing service in the missionary enterprise, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. remains in the forefront in Christian Stewardship. While assembled at the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, July 25-29, during the All-Baptist Assembly, the delegates accepted the challenge of their theme, "Arise, Let Us Go Hence". They also pledged to become more involved in the "great commission". This convention, which comprises three main departments: senior, young adult and youth, holds the distinction of being the largest auxiliary in the General Baptist State Convention Family. It also holds the distinction of being in the forefront in both national and international missionary enterprises.

Mrs. Vera M. Slade, Ahoskie, president of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention Woman's Auxiliary and past president of WBH&FMC, greeted the messengers and thanked them for their outstanding contribution to Foreign Missions. Dr. J. Joy Johnson, Fairmont, also praised the Women for their excellent stewardship and dedication.

Mrs. M.A. Horne, Winston Salem, executive secretary-treasurer (WBH&FMC) gave a remarkable report. She represented the convention and participated in the Ground-breaking Ceremony for the new library to be constructed on the campus of their mission school in Brewerville, Liberia, West Africa. When the N.C. Women were asked to give \$25,000 for the

library, they moved to the forefront and gave more than \$30,603.43. The authenticity of the statement "Baptist Woman's Convention In Forefront" was demonstrated during the National Woman's Convention, USA, Inc. in Dallas, Texas last year. They received the "National Banner" for being the "Best Stewardship Convention in the Nation."

In the midst of "praise God" and "thank you, Jesus", Mrs. Horne stated that all obligations were paid in full and that more money was given for the objectives than ever before. The total income for this session from all sources was \$63,269.34. The proposed budget for last year was exceeded by \$25,665.03. She ended her report with the following words: "As you move forward in His Work — May you have enough happiness to keep you strong; enough sorrow to keep you human; enough hope to keep you humble; enough success to keep you eager; enough friends to give you comfort; enough faith and courage in yourself, your business, your convention, and your country to banish depression; enough wealth to meet your needs; enough determination to make each day a better day than yesterday." "Arise, let us go hence!"

Mrs. J.B. McLester, Durham, seventh president of this august body, completed her tenure of office with dignity. Having served the Convention for twenty-five years in varied capacities, she said, "This is just my beginning". In 1974, she promised to "consecrate her efforts on Grass Root Involvement, because it is the level upon which the work rest like 'Doors upon the hinges'." Her untiring and sacrificial efforts to fulfill this promise has

continued to keep the convention in the forefront.

In her message to the Executive Board, she described the Convention as "a tree with very deep roots. The top-most leaf and branches are still in contact with the roots, regardless of the age or size of the tree. These 93 years," she continued, "have proved that our roots are strong and sturdy. It has weathered the storms."

On Wednesday morning, she gave her final message, as president, to the joint session, encompassing some 2,000 messengers. First Vice President Georgia Turner, Lumberton, presided and Third Vice President Lula D. Edwards presented President McLester. She gave the following interpretation of the President's philosophy: "If you have knowledge let others light their candle by it". President McLester delivered a most inspiring and informative message, using the over-all theme for 1977, "The Old Gospel For A New Century" and "Arise, Let Us Go Hence". (Editor's Note: Address will appear in Informer later) Firmly believing that Christianity knows no generation gap, she dedicated the poem "The Builder" to the youth and young adults.

Some 800 persons, adorned in their finery, enjoyed a memorable evening at the Durham Civic Center, the setting for the Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet. President McLester, who presented this idea four years ago, presided. Mrs. Ruth Davidson Powell, chairman, Department of Christian Education, American Bible College, American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. delivered a very informative and challenging message. She gave the history of Religious and Missionary Education in N.C. and admonished the banqueters to remember their roots and direct their attention on the world and the needs of man. She continued to say that "Christians must create the future they desire. The methods, tools and kind of knowledge used by the N.C. Baptist will have a great impact upon their future". Highlighting the banquet were greetings from Executive Secretary - Treasurer Elect C.C. Craig, President Johnson, Mrs. Horne, Retiring Executive Secretary - Treasurer O.L. Sherrill and Director of Cooperative Ministries, Baptist State Convention, Dr. Corbin Cooper. Special music was

rendered by Mrs. Frances Petteway and Mrs. Eleanor Harris, Goldsboro; Mrs. Mabel Petty and Julius Petty, Greensboro; David Lucas, Kings Mountain; and Waverly Camp, Jr., Salisbury, State Music Director. The young adults, Mrs. Bronnie, State Young Adult Director and Administrative Assistant Betty Chislom served as hostesses.

The theme, "Arise, Let Us Go Hence" Symposium relative to State and Foreign Missions was presented by Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse, Fairmont. Other participants were: Mrs. Mabel Jones, Brunswick, "Seeking Lost Souls"; Mrs. Pauline Reid, Goldsboro, "In Supporting Objective"; Mrs. Jeanne C. Gregory, Gastonia, In Living For Jesus; and "The Wrap Up" by Mrs. Minerva Evans, Walstonburg. She stated that each individual must acquired the right kind of tool to work with. She recommended "love" and summed it up by reading a poem "God's kind of Love", a paraphrase of the II Corinthians 13 Chapter.

Mrs. E.D. Alexander, Wilson, spoke on the "What, Why, How of the woman's Convention". In her summation, she related a conversation she had had with an elderly lady several year ago. The lady said, "I believe the atmosphere that prevails at this convention (WBH&FMC) is somewhat like heaven".

The pageant, "Arise, Let us Go Hence", written and directed by Mrs. J.Y. Mims, Henderson, was impressive. It was presented by the Vance County Missionary Union. (Special Article will appear in future issue)

Hearts were lifted and souls revived through singing, praying, studying, teaching, witnessing, reading God's Word and preaching. Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Rocky Mount, challenged the women, while teaching, "The Listening Woman I am, Message From God" by Josephine Pile. The choir under the direction of Madames Jettie Lucas, Kings Mountain and M.C. Grier, Belmont was at its best. The Worship Committees and all other women appearing on program shared in keeping the Woman's Convention in the forefront. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Carrie Johnson, Charlotte, Mazie Stanley, Nakina and Annie Bryant, Supply for Meteorious Achievement. Plaques were presented to Madames Virginia Daye, Lexington, Betty Chislom

and Jettie Lucas for outstanding participation.

The Young Adult Department under the directorship of Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, Winston Salem, continues to move to the forefront, in spite of the fact that they are only twelve years old. Their session was highlighted with a banquet, hosted by the Durham County Young Adults and a farewell message, as president, from Miss Natalie Mitchell, Reidsville.

During the banquet, certificates of recognition were presented to all Directors and a beautiful plant to Mrs. Daniels for her outstanding leadership. Speaking from the subject "Tarry, Arise, Go", she stated that "Our duty directs us to go". "The great commission is still in effect, still the burden, the responsibility, the obligation of every Christian everywhere. It is our task to win the world for Christ; to win it, not by powerful states, but by a proclaimed Saviour; not by political systems, but by preaching salvation; not by philosophic schemes, but by personal surrender. This is the work of the Church, but there is more to going than just setting up now and rushing home to save the world." She placed her emphasis upon the message, the messenger and the method, which includes tarrying until one is ready, then going where God leads.

The 52nd annual session of the Youth Department met at the Durham Business College with President Elizabeth Brooks, Gastonia, presiding Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, State Youth Supervisor, urged the youth to do their best for Jesus.

Miss Brooks delivered her final message, as president, with emphatic success. "It's expensive to follow Christ, she stated, but I want to tell you that the rewards are incalculable. He grants joy and peace, and the knowledge that your sins are forgiven." "Young people lives are wrong by inconsistencies. In their effort to do good deeds, their unsuccessful attempt to be successful finds them in the garden of forlornment. This is the place where God loves to come and walk. She challenged the group to "Arise and Go Hence" and find comfort in the realization that God is our companion, He is love. She named determination, enthusiasm and courage as valuable characteristics. With these three a potential failure can be transformed into an

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Left to right: Dr. J.J. Johnson, Mrs. M.A. Horne, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Mrs. O.L. Sherrill, and seated is Dr. John W. Flemming.

Soloist For GBSC

Sings For Jesus



Mrs. Georgia B. Guest

SHELBY — Mrs. Georgia B. Guest, soloist for the General Baptist State Convention, was caught by the camera as she sang for Jesus during the late night evangelistic service at the All-Baptist Assembly in Durham, last July 26. She has a beautiful God-given singing talent which she is not afraid to use to the Glory of God.

As soloist for the General Baptist State Convention, Mrs. Guest has rendered many concerts throughout the State. She is also available for concerts. You may contact her by writing to: Mrs. Georgia Guest, Route 9, Box 265, Shelby, N.C. 28150 or call 482-0173 (home), 482-4607 (business). She has a current album entitled: "He Looked Beyond My Faults And Saw My Needs." This album may also be secured by contacting Mrs. Guest.

At Central Orphanage

Activities Include Swimming At Soul City

Oxford — Due to the large amount of space that has to be given to the activities carried on at the All - Baptist Assembly, last July 25-29 in Durham, the usual Emphasis of the Month feature will be in short form this month. The purpose of the Emphasis feature is to encourage support for the General Baptist State Convention's objectives through the Unified Program; therefore it is hoped that this brief reminder will stimulate a favorable response.

The Central Orphanage has done a remarkable job under Superintendent H.V. Bryant, in developing and providing a program that will help the children at the orphanage develop into well - rounded, mature persons. This is a vital operation, deserving all the support Baptists can give.

Activities at the orphanage during the summer are summarized in the account below by Dennis Quick, Recreation Director.

Summer Recreation Program

Our Summer Recreation Program has proven itself as multi - faceted. We have many activities for the students, be it leisure or competition. We have worked with the Program Director at Soul City and organized swimming and tennis outings which takes place at Soul City. We are part of the summer recreation league in Oxford.

wherein we participate in baseball and girl's softball. We are also active in the 4-H which also has a softball league. We have an intramural basketball schedule for the majority of the students. In addition, we competed in the local Junior Olympics and received on an average at least one award per participant.

In addition to our swimming trips to Soul City we had a very successful and enjoyable trip to the beach in Morehead City, North Carolina. We have had several movies via National Film Service and we also had some home movies mixed with some extemporaneous and rehearsed situations around campus.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article concerning Central Orphanage is the fourth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The objective of this feature is to help the Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month. All Baptist, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that" objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed

about; and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program. The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is as follows: January and July - State Missions; February and August - Central Orphanage; March and September - Shaw University; April and October - Foreign Missions; May and November - the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and December - Shaw Divinity School.)



Rev. J. L. Williamson

Ministers Institute

Issues Call

Raleigh — Rev. J.L. Williamson, president of the Alumni Department of Continuing Christian Education of Shaw University has issued a call to all members of the Alumni Group to rise to meet the call of Shaw University. The Annual Church Leaders Conference, June 13-17, was well attended and full of information and inspiration. Many familiar faces from across the State and Nation were seen. All who can have been recipients of the gracious benefits which Shaw so freely gives. Therefore president Williamson felt the need to urge the Alumni to contribute liberally to Shaw during these days of financial trials. Each Alumnus was asked to contribute a minimum of \$5.00 during the conference. Those who did not contribute the \$5.00 were asked to send it to the Divinity School as soon as possible.

Rev. Williamson preached from John 3:1-7 and his subject was "Ye Must Be Born Again". He stated that he has had 38 years experience in ministry and has been called to 22 Baptist Churches. "I feel that this much experience is worth something", he stated. The Alumni and Conference gave the Divinity School a \$300.00 contribution.

The preaching and lectures by Dr. Henry Beecher Hicks, pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, Houston Texas, was relevant to present day needs and forcibly delivered. Dynamic sermons were delivered by many outstanding pastors and General Baptist State Convention leaders.



These two fine youngsters from Central Orphanage enjoy swimming at Soul City.

110th Annual Session

Souvenir Booklet Offered

Durham — White Rock Baptist Church has had the pleasure of hosting the Joint Baptist Conventions of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., July 25-29, 1977. It has been an experience we shall always remember with pride. Would you like a remembrance of this great Convention? Now you can have one, with the purchase of a Souvenir Booklet of this 110th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., and its Auxiliaries, "Our 110th Annual Session." Don't miss this chance to preserve the spirit of the Convention by not ordering this Souvenir Booklet. Photos, ads, greetings, and best wishes from organizations and individuals all concerned with furthering the Christian cause today are included. You may receive a copy of this Souvenir Booklet by simply detaching the order form below and returning it, with \$2.00 for each booklet ordered, to the church office of White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, N.C. 27707 - phone 688-8136 or 688-8137. All persons ordering by mail, please include 50 cents for postage and handling. Please do not send cash through the mail. Thank you!

White Rock Baptist Church

Please fill in below and return to: White Rock Baptist Church 3400 Fayetteville St. Durham, N.C. 27707 phone 688-8136 or 688-8137. All persons or groups mailing their orders in should include 50 cents for postage and handling. PLEASE do not send cash through the mail.

Yes! I want to preserve the spirit and flavor of the Convention by ordering the Souvenir Booklet "Our 110th Annual Session."

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I want _____ Souvenir Booklet(s) at \$2.00 each. All persons or groups mailing their orders in, please add 50 cents to total order for postage and handling. However, PLEASE do not send cash through the mail!

Money Paid: \$ _____ Souvenir Booklet(s) \$2.00 each, for total, multiply number of booklets wanted times \$2.00.

_____cents Postage on mail orders (write in 50 cents, MAIL ORDERS ONLY).

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I am paying in: (check one) _____ cash; _____ check no. _____ Bank _____ money order no. _____ Bank _____; Traveler's check no. _____ Bank _____.

Fly To Florida On

Baptist Convention Plane

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has chartered a plane for the National Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, September 5-10, 1977. Passengers will board the plane at the Raleigh - Durham Airport on Monday, September 5 at 10:00 p.m. EDT and will arrive in Miami at 11:45 p.m. EDT. We will leave Miami on Saturday, September 10 at 12:00 noon EDT and will arrive in Raleigh at 1:45 p.m. EDT.

The round trip fare is \$210.00. This amount includes your transportation from the Raleigh - Durham Airport to Miami, Florida and back, transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling and room at the Saxony Hotel, accommodating two persons per room. For those desiring a private room, the round trip fare is \$249.00. A deposit of \$50.00 will reserve a seat for you on the plane and the balance is due by August 10, 1977.

Please fill out the form below and return it to our office with your deposit. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist Plane.

For further information contact O.L. Sherrill or C.C. Craig at Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina.

P.S. — Please indicate if there is someone you would like to have for your roommate.

Please enroll me for the trip to Miami, Florida, September 5-10, 1977. My deposit of \$50.00 per person is enclosed.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

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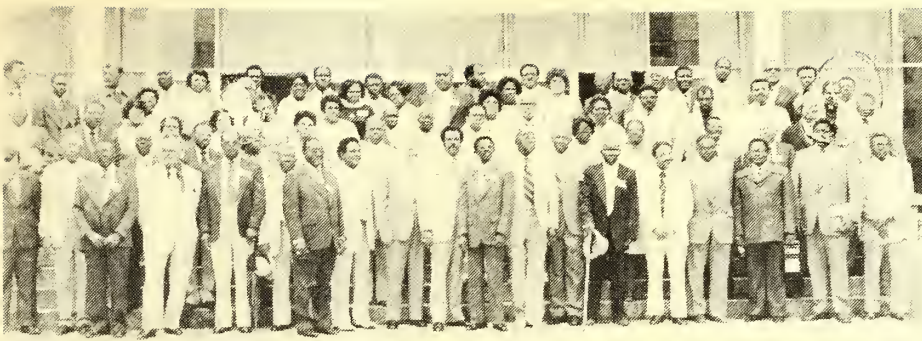
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ANNUAL CHURCH LEADER'S CONFERENCE
JUNE 13-17, 1977

Awards Presented At Baptist Meet

RALEIGH — Listed below are individuals who received awards during the President's Prayer Breakfast last July 27, for outstanding Service and

Interim President

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. O.L. Sherrill, chairman of the Shaw University Board of Trustees, announced today the appointment of Dr. John W. Fleming as Interim President of the University.

Dr. Fleming, a Shaw faculty member, will assume full presidential responsibilities on July 1, 1977. He will be assisted by an advisory committee composed of three faculty members: Mr. Lawrence Gould, Mrs. Willie C. High, and Dr. Randolph Tobias.

Dr. Fleming holds Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology Degrees from Oberlin College and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity Degrees from Vanderbilt University. He is currently Professor of History and Afro-American Studies at Shaw. He first came to Shaw for the 1953-54 term of one year, returning in 1964 and continuing to the present.

Dr. Fleming's appointment will continue until a new president is named.

Dr. Fleming resides with his wife, Hortense G., at 2208 Woodchuck Place in Raleigh. A son, Sundar, resides in Durham.

leadership in various human endeavors.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Dr. D.P. Lane - 1977 Humanitarian Award (Employment of Joann Little) (Raleigh)

Reverend E.W. Wooten - 1/2 Century of Christian Service (Jacksonville)

Reverend T.L. Walker - Churchman Award of the Year (Rocky Mount) Revival for Justice and march on city to obtain land for church.

Ben Rucken - Human Relations Award (Executive Director of Human (Durham) Relations Council)

Ms. Vertie Stroupe - Most

Outstanding Job in Religious news Reporting (Winston-Salem) (Winston-Salem Sentinel)

Mrs. J.B. McLester - Outstanding Service and Christian Leadership to (Durham) Woman's Convention

Interim President Emphasis

Plan For Shaw's Survival

To: The Baptist Informer

The Pastors and Churches of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Another Salute For Baptist

Biblical Recorder

Raleigh—Baptists in general and in North Carolina in particular received another salute last July 21, when Biblical Recorder Editor J. Marse Grant was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., as Vice-Chairman of the Board on State Goals and Policy.

By statute, the governor is Chairman. The Vice-Chairman presides and directs the work of the board in his absence.

The board is the Chief Advisory Agency to the governor on goals and policy for the State. Its role is threefold: To involve as many citizens as possible in the government decision-making process; though this input, it will identify citizens' primary needs and concerns; and it will help the governor set basic policy directions in key areas for the State's future.



Dr. Fleming

Now, what can Shaw do for you? It can offer conferences, workshops, symposia, panels, alternative education programs, and evening classes designed as a part of that continuing education needed in order for us to do our task as ministers, missionaries, church school and training union leaders.

We need to know your needs, and to develop programs that will meet those needs.

You need us,
We need you
God need all of us,
and all of us need
God.

Let us join forces to make Shaw University a church — affiliated college of which the Baptists of North Carolina can be proud. Let us work together for the good of our school and our churches, believing in the value of Shaw's motto: "For Christ and Humanity that religion and learning may go hand in hand, and character grow with knowledge."

Include Shaw in your budget. Make a monthly contribution to us through the Baptist Headquarters. Schedule a Shaw Day in your church.

In the spring of the year, we hope to have on Shaw's campus CHURCH DAY, to honor those churches and pastors without whose support we could not have survived.

Remember, I have slept in Baptist homes from Murphy to Manteo. I have eaten at your tables and on your church lawns. I have graced your pulpit and taught your training institutes. I am one of you — I need your support; "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Dr. McGhee To Speak At Shaw

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University, announced today that Dr. Nancy Bullock McGhee will be the keynote speaker for the Faculty-Staff Pre-School Conference, Wednesday, August 17, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. in the Learning Resources Center. Her theme will be "Shared Responsibility, Accountability."

Dr. McGhee is a former resident of Raleigh and a graduate of Shaw University. Her father, the late Rev. Dr. O.S. Bullock, was pastor of First Baptist Church for many years.

Dr. McGhee presently is Avalon Professor of the Humanities at Hampton

Institute. The Avalon Foundation Chair was the first endowed Chair at Hampton Institute. Dr. McGhee received the endowment in 1968 and has served in that position since that time. She has also served as Chairman, Department of English at Hampton and Director, Institute in the Humanities at Hampton.

Dr. McGhee has served as President of the Board of American Council on Human Rights; Vice President of the National Council of Negro Women; and Secretary of the Board, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy. She's a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

MESSAGE FROM — The Interim President, Shaw University John W. Fleming

One who has worked with you as Director of Christian Education, as pastor of several churches, and as editor of the Baptist Informer is now serving as Interim President of your institution, my institution, our institution, Shaw University. Because of our former relationships, I feel a close attachment to the pastors and churches under the aegis of the General Baptist Convention.

Not only are we concerned about the survival of Shaw, we are also concerned about it maintaining its relevance. This can be done with your help and your prayers. We are asking every church to contribute to Shaw regularly, willingly, and lovingly. We are asking you to view Shaw as you should; that is, as your own institution; nurture it as you would your children, contribute to its development as you would to the development of your family. Ask both what you can do for Shaw and what Shaw can do for you.

In some ways I have already said what you can do for Shaw. It can be summarized by saying you can support Shaw even to the point of sacrifice.

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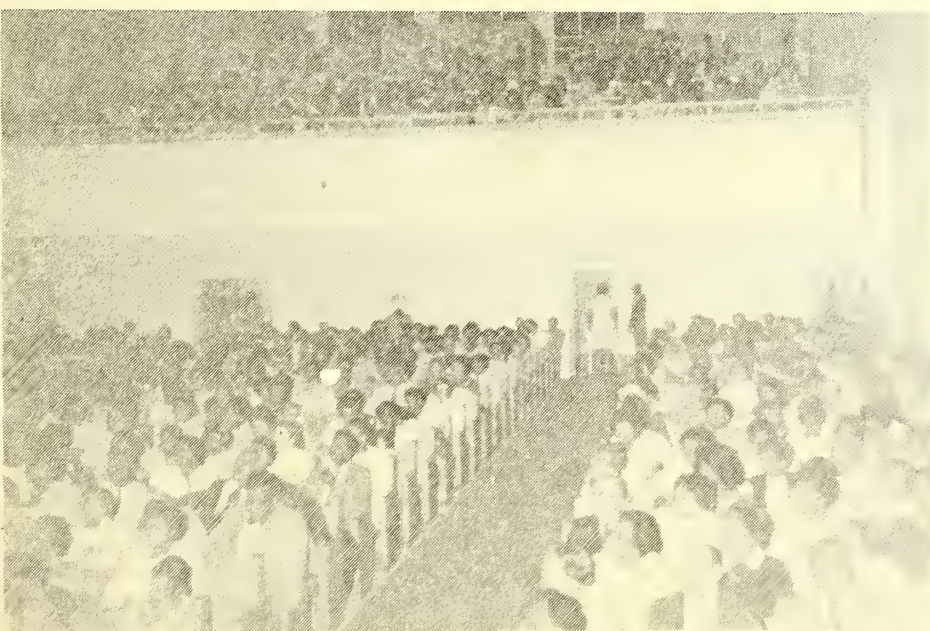
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A Gracious Welcome

White Rock Baptist Church, Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, pastor, was a most gracious host. The church was filled to capacity during most sessions of the All-Baptist Meet last July 25-29.



Left to right: Mr. Isaiah Faulk and Mr. Robert Williams, two trustees of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chadbourn, N.C.

Cornerstone Laid At Chadbourn

By Mrs. Dora K. Walls

Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" declared Rev. I.W. Keel as the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chadbourn, N.C. reached another milestone Sunday, June 6, 1977 in an impressive Corner Stone Laying Service. This is the first such service held in the history of the church's seventy-seven years of existence.

Rev. I.W. Keel, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Chesterfield, S.C. delivered a noble and spiritual sermon which was uplifted by music by The Friendship Baptist Choir of Whiteville. Following a spirit-filled service on the inside, the congregation assembled at the site of the corner stone laying for the remainder of the service. The program was directed by deacon Willie J. Walls who

Laymen's Corner

Durham — The Twenty-Eighth Annual Session Laymen's League Convention (Auxiliary - B.S.C.) Mount Zion Baptist Church

Durham, North Carolina

By Waverly Camp, Jr.

Much thanks to the laymen from North Carolina for their support of the Joint Session during the week of July 25-29, 1977. You were present at the banquet on Monday and through

served as master of ceremony. Sister Minnie L. Mack read the history of Mt. Zion Baptist Church which dates back to 1900. The roll of the member was called by Sister Annie M. Williamson and Sister Phylisa F. Kelly read the names of the officers of the church.

All of these records along with the program for the occasion was placed in a folder and placed behind the stone by Sister Dora K. Walls. Trustees Isaiah Faulk and Robert Williams then placed the stone in place, as the Pastor Rev. John Beese, Jr. read the ceremony. Deacon George Bellamy led the prayer. The congregation then sang "Rocks of Ages." Fitting remarks was given by pastor Beese who then prayed the benediction.

The thought for the day was "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. Ephesians 2:19-20.

the closing session on Friday.

Here is a capsule report of the Laymen's Session.

Tuesday, July 26

Welcome by Dr. W.L. Fuller of the host church.

Workshop by Dr. J.W. White of the Mount Zion Church, Asheville, N.C.

Greeting from Dr. J.J. Johnson of the General Baptist State Convention.

Professor O.A. Dupree of Shaw University and chairperson of Laymen's Study Commissions gave a very in-depth report which was enjoyed by all. +Highlights of that report:

1. The progress of the handbook giving detailed and specific information concerning laywork.

2. A complete Boy's Program to substitute the Royal Ambassador and other programs.

3. The Third Annual Fellowship Banquet to be held on Friday, April 14, 1978, Goldsboro, N.C. This banquet is to precede the mid-year session of the Laymen's Convention of the General Baptist State Convention. The host church will be Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C. The Reverend Spencer Williams, Jr. pastor.

4. The Study Commission will hold its next meeting Saturday, October 15, 1977, 9:30 a.m. at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C. Brother Charles Porter, host laymen, Dr. A.B. Sutton, pastor.

5. Tentative dates for A Laymen's Retreat will be held at

the Assembly Site; November 25-27, 1977.

Wednesday, July 17

Many laymen attended the President's Prayer Breakfast which paid tribute to Dr. O.L. Sherrill, retiring Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention.

On Wednesday night, the Laymen's hour was shared with the Ushers. President John McQueen gave his annual address to the Joint Session. He was at his very best in challenging the laymen and pastors to further the cause of Kingdom building.

Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Field Secretary for the lay movement, gave his report to the joint session, points stated dealt with *Awakening the Sleeping Giant* — the men of our church. He talked about (1) training them, (2) preparing them and (3) sending them forth to serve.

Thursday, July 28

The Reverend R.H. Leak of Charlotte and former brother of the Laymen's League gave a discussion on the theme.

Brother Zeno Borders of Washington Baptist Church, Waco, N.C. and director of Royal Ambassador program for the Laymen's League did a beautiful job of telling us about the young men's work.

Our closing sermon was delivered by the Reverend T.J. Foster, Jr., pastor of Terrell's Creek Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N.C. The Lord spoke to us as Reverend Foster preached "The Old Gospel for a New Century".

We would like to thank all of you for your support.

May God bless all of you.

Baptist Women's

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ultimate success, a loser into a winner and a meek - mild - mannered being into an aggressive forceful one. These attitudes create miracles, once an individual realizes that his potential in its entirety can be attained, once he or she acquires an unshakeable faith in these three character. She urged them to "go", "be" and "do" what Christ want them to; to deny themselves and take up the cross in order to "Arise, and Go Hence".

Miss Annie M. Dunigan Durham and Mrs. L.E. McGrier, Warrenton, directed the Minnie C. Lyons Appreciation Project. It was reactivated by President McLester in honor of one who gave more than thirty years in Liberia, West Africa as a nurse and teacher.

The Shaw Contest Winners were: Miss Essie Whitworth, Gaston County, and Miss Warrenetta Massenberg, Franklin County. The "Have A Heart For Missions" winners were: Miss Kenna Caldwell, Mecklenburg County and Willie Bob Cunningham, Gaston County.

The Youth Concert, under the direction of Michael Lemon, Winston Salem, was enjoyed by many, as the youth related the message of God through song.

Among the many, many personalities, who appeared on the program, were those who preached and preached. Included were: Drs. Otis L. Harriston, Shiloh Baptist, Greensboro; J.R. Butler, Shiloh Baptist, Winston Salem; Rev. J.W. Wallace, Rose Hill Baptist, Kannapolis and Rev. J.T. Scott, Tabernacle Baptist, Gastonia. Newly elected officers are:

President, Mrs. Georgia Turner; First Vice, Mrs. Thelma Horton, Goldsboro; Second Vice, Mrs. Lula Edwards, Fayetteville; Third Vice, Mrs. Eva Johnson, Salisbury; Fourth Vice, Mrs. H.S. Diggs, Charlotte; Assistant Recorder, Mrs. Marian Bass, High Point; Youth Supervisor, Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Johnson County. Young Adult Officers: President, Darlene Eaves; First Vice, Alice D. McLain; Second Vice, Wayne Hines; Third Vice, Ms. Sharon Jones; Fourth Vice, Ms. Linda Triplin; Secretary, Mrs. Joycelyn Johnson; Assistant Secretary, Ms. Barbara Keller; Financial Secretary, Ms. Ruth Stephen; Assistant Financial Secretary, Ms. Patricia Carter; Worship Chrm., Ms. Julia McDonald; Organist & Director, Donald Crawford; Assistant, Howard Parker and Directress, Mrs. Louise Lassiter. Appointed: Program, Mrs. Ruth Smith and Publicity, Ms. Natalie Mitchell. Youth Officers: President, David Lucas; First Vice, Letita Lewis, Raleigh; Second Vice, William Kerry, Charlotte; Third Vice, Sheryl McCollough; Fourth Vice, Michael Battle; Recorder, Jean Kee, Durham; Assistant Recorder, Larian McKay; Parliamentarian, Ester Wallace; Music Director, Michael Lemmon; Organist, Melinda Richardson; Pianist, John Kee; Worship Chairman, Johnnie Smith; Editor, Linette Horton, Goldsboro; Co-Editor, Linda Inman, Chadbourn; Editorial Assistants, Wanda Williams and Paula Smith.

As these new officers move to the forefront, let us "Arise, and Go Hence".



GROUND BREAKING — The Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Drexel, N.C. held a groundbreaking service on May 22nd for their new 355 seat sanctuary which will cost approximately \$100,000. At the right above about to break ground are the pastor, the Reverend Ervin Millsaps of Route 4, Taylorville; Johnny Tate, Chairman of the trustees; and building committee chairmen Carl Hawkins and Isaac Connelly. Other members of the building committee are shown. (Photo by Andrew Corpening).



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Pastor Honored

Pridgen Presented Plaque

Autryville — Rev. J.C. Pridgen, Sr. was honored recently on his third anniversary at Christian Light Baptist Church, Autryville, N.C. Rev. H.R. Cogdell, pastor of Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church, and the Adult Chorus rendered the service for the occasion. Rev. Pridgen was presented a plaque and gifts for his service during his years of service. Many friends from Clinton and surrounding areas enjoyed the fellowship with refreshments served in the dining room. Rev. Pridgen is also pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church, Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, N.C.



Rev. J. C. Pridgen

Bigelow Voted Moderator

By V.J. Walthour

Durham — Thursday, July 7, 1977 will be a memorial day for Dr. W.T. Bigelow, pastor of the Greater Saint Paul Baptist

Church on Juniper Street for he was voted as Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Association, which has a radius of 40 churches, at their Annual Session of the 82nd Year, held at the Smith Thomas Chapel at Creedmoor, N.C.

Dr. Bigelow is known locally as one of the leading ministers for our city and also the 'Radio Pastor' for station W.S.R.C. where he brings the weekly International Sunday School Lesson. He is known internationally for his outstanding evangelistic work and his recordings.

Dr. Bigelow is the founder of the Durham Interdenominational Minister's Conference, an active member of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

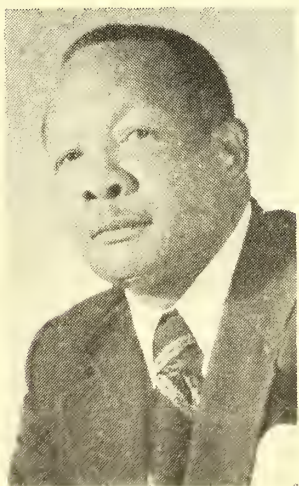


Dr. Bigelow

Drayton Appointed

Winston-Salem — Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Winston - Salem, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Chairman of the North Carolina Human Relations Council. Dr. Drayton is the first Black to head this important state agency. The Executive Director is Benjamin F. Ruffin of Durham is also a Black.

Dr. Drayton brings to the position a background of interracial and civil rights leadership. He has served as President of the N.C. Interracial Baptist Fellowship. He is a member of the interracial Board of Directors of the Winston - Salem Urban League and the first Black to serve as President. He served on the Bi-Racial Human Relation Committee appointed by former Mayor M.C. Benton during the lunch counter demonstrations in the 60's. Was the first Black President of the interracial Ministers Fellowship of Forsyth



Dr. DRAYTON

County. He is affiliated with many local, state and national organizations. He holds an A.B. degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. and a B.D. degree from the School of Religion, Howard University Washington, D.C. An honorary Doctor of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary & College, Lynchburg, Va.

Rev. John Leak Installed

Morrisville — The Reverend Johnny Leak recently became the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Morrisville, North Carolina. He was installed August 14, 1977 at 4:30 p.m. His pastor, the Reverend Horace L. Bridges of Cameron Grove Baptist Church in Durham, N.C. was the speaker.

Reverend Leak is 25 years old, but has seen 10 years of ministerial work in various capacities. He served for several years as the assistant minister at his home church, Cameron Grove, also the assistant pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Oxford N.C., Reverend R.W. Mangum, pastor. Before coming

to Shiloh, Reverend Leak served as pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Roxboro, N.C.

His educational experience includes a B.A. degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C. He has done graduate study at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C. and the Duke Divinity School in Durham, N.C. Presently, Reverend Leak is completing graduate study in Career and School Counseling at NCCU.

Reverend Leak is married to the former Shelia Elaine Holman of Durham, N.C. They reside in Durham.



Rev. Johnny Leak

Fifty-One Years Of Service

Fletcher — The Greater New Zion Baptist Church of Fletcher, N.C. is in full bloom as pastor Levonia C. Ray leads the flock.

The ministry of the church was highlighted recently when the church observed its 51st an-

niversary.

Under the leadership of Rev. Ray, over a hundred members have been added to the church during the 5 years he has been pastor. Many new programs have been initiated by Rev. Ray and at present a program is in

progress to construct a new educational building.

Rev. Luther B. Reed was the guest speaker for the festive occasion at the historic church located in the Buckton Community.



Left to right: Deacon James Thomas, Rev. Luther Reed and Pastor Levonia C. Ray.

U. S., N. A. A. C. P. Lash Municipal Leaders

Pastor's Drive Brings A Street, Water Lines To Isolated Family

By Religious News Service (7-27-77)

CLAREMONT, N.C. (RNS) — A clergyman's campaign to raise \$5,000 to extend municipal utilities to Claremont's only black property owners — services that have been denied by the town council — has succeeded. A street and water lines will serve the isolated Russell Shuford family.

The Rev. Stanley L. Stiver, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, said a 500-foot gravel road will be built and water lines extended. Citizens who contributed the \$5,000 will turn the facilities over to the town of some 850 people to maintain.

He said he hoped his efforts, and the efforts of others, will do something to remove the "tarnished reputation" that the community has sustained.

"For the sake of the good name of the town," Mr. Stiver said, "people were able to dig down deep. We are not blatant

racists; if the Shufords had been white, the town board probably would have followed the same rule."

He said, "It seemed like something had to give. I felt we could do what the town didn't feel it could do."

The Shufords' one acre of land is on a sloping and isolated, section of the town, remote from any existing municipal services. An original agreement stated that no town taxes would be levied against it because it lacked proper services. The Shufords began pressing for services a few years ago when the town began taxing the property.

Although the gravel road and water lines are going to be built as a result of the clergyman's efforts, there has been no indication that it will reverse federal government action and private litigation as a result of the impasse between town and

family.

The U.S. Office of Revenue Sharing announced earlier that it would cease sending funds to Claremont because of its apparent racial discrimination. The federal agency also seeks to recover \$87,000 of funds it allocated to the town over the past four years. It said it would proceed with these plans unless Claremont officials advise that they have complied with directives to provide municipal utilities to the isolated family.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) plans a suit to force the town to provide services. A spokesman for the agency said the Lutheran pastor's efforts "will not affect the suit at all. The suit seeks a paved road, guttering. This road will be gravel."

The NAACP is also asking for street lighting, sewer lines, fire hydrants, sidewalks.

Salvation Army Fastest Growing Religious Body In U. S.

By Religious News Service (4-28-77)

NEW YORK (RNS) — The Salvation Army was the fastest growing U.S. religious body in 1975, according to the new Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches.

For 1975, the Salvation Army reported a 5 per cent increase in membership, to reach a total of 384,817. U.S. population grew an estimated 0.8 per cent during

that year.

The 1977 Yearbook which is published by Abingdon Press for the National Council of Churches, places U.S. church membership at 131,012,953; based on reports from 223 religious bodies. Although that figure is down by more than 850,000 from the total reported for the previous year, the decline is attributed to a change in the method of reporting by the

National Primitive Baptist Convention, Inc. Without that change, the total would show a gain of more than 500,000.

In addition to the Salvation Army, other rapidly growing religious groups include the Church of God of Prophecy (up 4.9 per cent to 65,801); Church of God of Cleveland, Tennessee (up 4.4 per cent to 343,249); Jehovah's Witnesses (up 4 per cent to 560,897); Baptist General Conference (up 3.8 per cent to 114,340); Seventh-day Adventists (up 3.3 per cent to 495,699); and Church of God of Anderson, Indiana (up 3 per cent to 166,259).

A membership of nearly 49 million was reported for the Roman Catholic Church, the nation's largest religious group. That figure constituted an increase of 0.4 per cent. The Southern Baptist Convention, largest U.S. Protestant body, has nearly 13 million members and reported a growth rate of 1.8 per cent.

Several major Protestant bodies reported declines in 1975, including the United Presbyterian Church (down 2.4 per cent to 2,657,689); Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (down 2 per cent to 878,126); Episcopal Church (down 1.7 per cent to 2,857,513); United Church of Christ (down 1.2 per cent to 1,818,762); and United Methodist Church (down 1 per cent to 9,957,710).

Constant H. Jacquet, Jr., editor of the Yearbook, has noted once again that membership statistics are not always directly comparable because some denominations, such as the Roman Catholic Church, count children as members while many Protestant Churches count only teenagers and adults as members.

Two denominations are listed for the first time in the 1977 Yearbook. They are the Bible Church of Christ, Inc. (930 members) and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches (estimated membership of 75,000). Three have been dropped either because of depleted membership or merger with another group — the Christian Unity Baptist Association, Liberal Catholic Church of California, and United Wesleyan Methodist Church of America.

The 1977 Yearbook indicates that the number of clergy in the U.S. dropped by 653 to 473,188 in 1975, while the number serving parishes fell by more than 2,500 to 261,550.

A survey reported in the new Yearbook shows a rapid rate of growth for seminary enrollments in the U.S. and Canada — 8 per cent for 1974 and 10.1 percent for 1975 (to 40,895), compared with rates of 1 or 2 per cent in earlier years.

The number of women enrolled rose from 3,358 to 6,505 — almost doubling — between 1972 and 1975, when they comprised 15.9 per cent of all seminarians. Black student enrollment rose 3 per cent in 1974 and 9.6 per cent in 1975 (to 1,365),

Appointed Ambassador

(Continued From Page One)

ministry is a sharing and includes: (1) Communication of the Gospel, (2) Consecration of one's self to God and His service and (3) Cooperation in giving time and energy to develop a greater Christian service throughout the nation. He declared that he personally knew that Dr. Sherrill's life exemplified all of these characteristics.

OTHA LEE SHERRILL

A little more than six decades ago, a significant event occurred on a September day in Iredell County, North Carolina. A healthy baby boy was born to the Reverend and Mrs. Walter S. Sherrill, and they named him Otha Lee. As all proud parents do, the Sherrills had high hopes for their child's future, but there was no way of knowing that a new star was being fixed on the horizon, and his new name would be "Mr. Baptist."

Otha Lee grew up in the same general area, learning much from nature about the governing laws of the universe. The path of economic survival led to many ares of hard work which not only strengthened his body but served to develop an unswerving determination.

After completing the prescribed training in the Iredell County School system, he was admitted to Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, earning the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1933, and the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1936. Twenty years later his Alma Mater bestowed upon him the Honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. His ministerial preparation was furthered at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. The honorary degree of L.H.D. was awarded him in 1974 by Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina at which time he was the guest speaker for the opening convocation.

In fulfillment of his call to the gospel ministry, Sherrill assumed the pastorate of the

while the rate for Hispanic American students was up 15.8 per cent in 1974 and 7 per cent in 1975 (to 524).

Another survey in the Yearbook indicates that more than two-thirds of the Protestant clergy participated in at least one continuing education program in 1972 and 1973, and more than half planned to participate in 1974.

A 1975 Gallup poll on church attendance is cited in the new Yearbook. It shows that 38 per cent of Protestants, 54 per cent of Catholics, and 21 per cent of Jews attended church or synagogue in a typical week. Jewish attendance rose 5 per cent over the previous year, Protestant attendance was up 1 per cent, and Catholic attendance fell 1 per cent.

According to a survey conducted for the Yearbook by the National Council of Churches, the average contribution by members of 43 U.S. denominations was \$138.54 for 1975. Giving to those communions represents about 40 per cent of giving to all U.S. Churches, which totalled \$5,694,461,317 in 1975.

following churches: Union Grove Baptist, Youngsville; Mt. Sinai Baptist, Fayetteville; Spring Garden Baptist, Washington; and Shiloh Baptist, Wilmington. The Reverend Dr. Sherrill's wider Baptist fellowship includes the following positions: Member, Executive Committee, Lott Carey Foreign Commission Convention; member, Board of Directors, The Central Orphanage and National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; member, Trustee Board, Shaw Divinity School; Chairman, Trustee Board, Shaw University; member, Governing Board, National Council of Churches; member, Executive Board, North Carolina Council of Churches. He is former director and teacher of the Roanoke Institute, a unit of Shaw Divinity School located at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Among other highlights in his career, he was invited to lecture on the program of the World Baptist Alliance at Stockholm, Sweden, July, 1975. He delivered a sermon in Uyo, Africa during a tour in 1976; and he was invited to lecture on the emphasis "Biblical Images of Membership in the Christian Community" at the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress meeting at Houston, Texas, June, 1977. The N.A.A.C.P. presented him the "Minister of the Year" Award in 1973, and his fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, presented him the "Man of the Year" Awarded in 1974. Doctor Sherrill has served the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina as Executive Secretary-Treasurer since 1947.

"Thank You"

To All My Friends:

My deepest appreciation for your presence and expressions at the President's Prayer Breakfast, July 27, 1977,

Your cooperation over the past 30 years has added growth, resources and development to our convention. It has been a great challenge for me. I humbly appreciate all you have done for my wife and me.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
O.L. Sherrill

High Court Grants Stay To Baptist Minister

Washington (BP) — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart has stayed a Tennessee Supreme Court ruling which denied an ordained Baptist minister a seat in the state's upcoming Constitutional Convention, despite his election to the post.

Stewart's temporary stay will remain in effect until the U.S. Supreme Court decides the case of Paul McDaniel, pastor of Chattanooga's Second Missionary Baptist Church, sometime this fall.

McDaniel and his attorney say they expect he will be able to take his seat, when the convention begins August 1, with no difficulty.

Baptist Conventioneers

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White Rock Church.

Cameras clicked, flash bulbs flashed, cash registers tingled, gas pumps moaned, and business operators smiled as Baptists streamed into the Bull City from the mountains and the Coastal Plains and from the Gay City of New York to the Coast of California and the oil fields of Texas and the sunny beaches of Florida. It was an inspiring and festive occasion, a never-to-be-forgotten spiritual gathering of the Lord's best.

Old fashion Gospel preaching, Gospel singing, heart-felt shouting, early morning prayer meetings, late night evangelistic services, banquets, scholarly Bible teaching, and brotherly and sisterly sharing of what the Lord had done, characterized the activities throughout the week. Officers of the General Convention were re-elected, retired, and replaced without a ripple ... an amazing accomplishment for Baptist in any age. "It is no secret what God can do", was an expression frequently heard throughout the week.

President Johnson declared that: "Since the Biblical episodes of Cain killing Abel and Jacob tricking Esau out of his birthright, crime and criminal justice have been a major problem in the world." He pointed out that the rising crime rate in America is one of the most serious problems in the world today. Throughout his address he continued to point out statistics that emphasize the seriousness of crime in our nation today. One outstanding

example was the fact that our N.C. Prisons that are designed to accommodate 10,000 now contain 15,000. The church still remains "uninvolved and uncommitted" he said. He pointed out that many church folk are home shouting while the churches gets empty and the jails get full. The President charged that the church has become more and more like the world. Delegates broke into loud applause when he said: "You can't identify the sheep from the goat, the lambs from the wolves, nor the men from the women." Continuing to challenge the Black Baptist to rise to the needs of criminal justice, he revealed that the State of North Carolina has allocated 30 million dollars for new prisons and repair of old ones. "It is a disgrace to see so-called missionaries dressed in white on the street begging sinners to support God's Church," stated Dr. Johnson. "You ought to be fair with God and He will be fair with you". The record shows, he said, that Black people commit more crimes against Blacks than any other group.

Calling attention to the financial record of the Convention, Dr. Johnson observed that over 800,000 dollars had been raised during this fiscal year which ends August 31. This is the highest mark reached in the history of the Convention. "Every one should go back home and send up all the monies raised for missions and we could go over the \$1,000,000 mark by the close of the fiscal year". The delegates reported approximately 32,000 during the session in addition to over \$63,000 reported by the Woman's auxiliary.

President Johnson made the following recommendations, all of which were adopted by the Convention. See President's Pen.

Four Year

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case from Durham County Missionary Union; and Flowers from her family and District 7, Group 2 were also presented.

Wanted, Old Minutes !

Minutes and any of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, formerly known as the Educational and Missionary Convention and later the Union Baptist Convention are needed for writing a history of our Convention and Its Bodies.

Please send any materials that will be helpful in this effort to the Baptist Headquarters as soon as possible, attention Dr.

O.L. Sherrill.

Minutes needed are listed below:

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Mrs. Turner New Prexy

New Officers Of Women's Baptist Convention Elected



Mrs. Georgia Turner

Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, Lumberton, was elected as President of Shaw University Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., during its ninety-third annual session in Durham, July 25-29. The five day session was held during the All-Baptist Assembly at White Rock Baptist Church, Rev. Lorenza Lynch, minister.

She succeeds Mrs. J.B. McLester, Durham, as the eight president of this the Convention which was recognized by the National Baptist Woman's Auxiliary as the "Best Stewardship Convention". She called upon the sisters to "put

their trust in God". She is the wife of Dr. E.B. Turner, First Baptist Church, Lumberton and the mother of Rosiland and

Andrea, residents of Charlotte and Washington, D.C., respectively. Mrs. Turner exercises her talents in many varied capacities in her church, County Union and District Conference of which she is chairman.

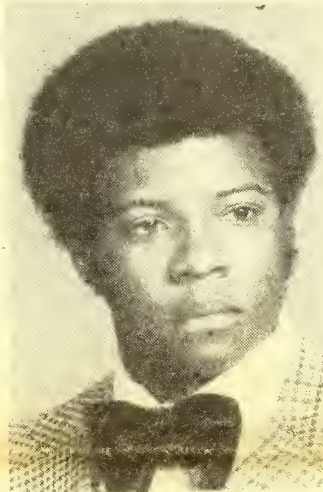
Mrs. Robbie Diggs, fourth vice president, is the wife of Dr. H.S. Diggs, Charlotte. She is an ardent supporter of many Baptist endeavors, including District 3, Group 1 and the Ministers' Wives' Organization.

The Assistant Recorder is Mrs. Marion H. Bass, wife of Rev. F.O. Bass, High Point. Mrs. Bass serves her church and community in many areas and is presently the Chairman of One-Day District Conference District 4, Group 2.

Miss Darlean F. Eaves is the new president of the Young Adult Department, having served in many capacities since

its inception. She is a resident of Gastonia and a member of the Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. T.M. Walker, pastor.

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David Bryant Lucas



Miss Darlene F. Eaves

Black Baptists Project

Strong Emphasis On Foreign Missions

Durham — Through out the All-Baptist Assembly held at Durham's White Rock Baptist Church last July 25-29, there was a strong emphasis on Foreign Missions. The Black Baptists of N.C. were among the first Christians in America to show interest in missions in Africa and other Black-populated areas of the world. The major thrust of their efforts have been directed through Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, which is one of the major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The Lott Carey convenes in its 80th Annual Session August 29 - September 2, 1977, in Louisville,

Ky., with headquarters at the Galt House, Fourth and River Road; New Zion Baptist Church, Reverend A. Russell Awkard, pastor, Host.

The appearance of Evangelist S.K. Arthur of Ghana, West Africa, was one of the highlights of the All-Baptists meet. He is shown with arms uplifted as he sings frequently his love for Jesus Christ. His congregation was moved to tears and shouts of Hallelujah as he challenged them to remember that: "We are God's Children Too." He is travel in through the nation raising funds for the Baptist Mission which he has established in Ghana.



Evangelist S.K. Arthur, with arms uplifted during All-Baptist Assembly (July 25-29); extreme Left, Dr. E. Burns Turner; Dr. C.W. Ward; Evangelist Paul Addae; and President of the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., Dr. J.J. Johnson.

Hosted By White Rock Baptist

Baptist State Usher's Convention Meets At Mount Vernon Baptist

The Twenty Eighth Annual Session of the North Carolina Baptist Usher's Convention Auxiliary to the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina convened at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina July 26-28.

THEME

"The Old Gospel For A New Century", president S.L. Fennell officially declared the convention open for business as he called for the devotional services to be conducted. Following the opening President Fennell

called for the business session.

WORKSHOP—THEME DISCUSSION

Mrs. Janie Lucas of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Durham, N.C. stated that:

Ushering is indispensible to cooperative church work. An usher should have a positive attitude toward his work. In order to be an usher is to invest one's life in Christian service. The outstanding service of an usher is demonstrated through training by obeying the rules and regulations. Ushers need to have

the right attitude, they need to be humble, courteous, understanding, and reverent.

THE TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM

Rev. H.S. Diggs, Dean of the Ushers Convention beautifully discussed the theme "Ushers As A Part of The Total Church Program". Reverend Diggs impressed upon us that:

The first requirement of an usher is to be a Christian. An usher should be an all round Christian. A host for God and a

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September Is

Month Of Major Conventions

Raleigh — During the Month of September, Black Baptist will be attending two major National and International Conventions. In Louisville, Kentucky August 29th, through September 2nd, the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention will convene in its 80th Annual Session. In Miami Beach Florida, September 5-11, the Nation Baptist

Convention, U.S.A., Inc. will convene. Dr. J.H. Jackson, president, will sound the gavel and thousands will come to order in the Baptist Churches of Florida.

Prior to press time, this writer observed that many pastors throughout the state were busily declaring vacation time to be in

effect. At the same time they were preparing to spend some of that vacation time in Louisville and the rest in Miami. Nevertheless, where ever the time is spent, pastors and Lay Leaders alike will be sure to return to their post of duty with inspired zeal. On to Louisville ... On To Miami.

The President's Pen

Dear Brother Pastor:

The clinic at the Wendell Baptist Mission in Uyo, Nigeria is in need of our help. It is operated by the Reverend and Mrs. Charles E. Ebong and sponsored by the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. The clinic provides minimum health care for thousands of poor and diseased mothers and children, but now, it must be re-located, remodeled, and upgraded.

Last year at Thanksgiving, several officers and members of the General Baptist State Convention visited this mission and saw the urgent need due to the tragic poverty and chaotic health conditions in Nigeria.

Therefore, we urgently request your church to contribute one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for this merciful and significant cause by August 31, 1977.

The Executive Committee and the General Board approved this project early last spring. Your immediate response to is dire need will be beneficial to the Wendell Mission, and pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Sincerely,
J.J. Johnson, President
O.L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary

P.S. If you did not get your contribution in by August 31st, please send it on in anyway as soon as possible.

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9:30 a.m., Devotional Period,
W.C. Hay and Spencer Williams;
9:45 a.m., Welcome, Host
Church;

10:00 a.m., Opening Remarks,
President Johnson;
Song;

10:15 a.m., "My Dream and
Destiny for the General Baptist
State Convention of North
Carolina, Inc., Dr. C.C. Craig,
Executive Secretary;

Hymn, "A Charge To Keep",
Mrs. Georgia Guest;

10:45 a.m., Annual Report, Dr.
O.L. Sherrill;

Hymn;
Plenary Session, President,
presiding;

Recognition of Visitors and
Guests;

Solo, Mrs. John Bee Moore;
11:45 a.m., Sermon, Reverend
John D. Fuller, Pastor, Lewis
Chapel Baptist Church,
Fayetteville; (Tentative)

Consecration and Installation
of the New Executive Secretary
by President Johnson;

Hymn, "Go Preach My
Gospel", Mrs. Georgia Guest;
1:00 p.m., Lunch;

2:00 p.m., Devotional Period,
W.J. Lee and J.B. Everett, Jr.;

2:30 p.m., Reports, Committee
on Evangelism, Cooperative
Ministries, Finance Committee;

Hymn;
Sermon, Reverend Westcott
Johnson, President, South
Carolina Baptist State Con-
vention; (Tentative)

Announcements;
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By CORBIN COOPER

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Crisis or Opportunity by B. Carlisle Driggers deal with problems related to racially and culturally changing communities. It is designed to assist churches who are confronted with the opportunity to minister in these communities. Driggers serves on the staff of the Home Mission Board as associate director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.

Baptists Talk is a new book by Pat Strother designed to assist with overcoming communication problems between National and Southern Baptists. It seeks to define and explain terminology peculiar to each group. It is intended to help Baptists in effecting communication that will lead to cooperative ministries.

Single copies of these books may be obtained without cost by writing to the Department of Cooperative Ministries, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Corbin Cooper

Pastor Says

Sermons Are Preachers' Downfall

LOUISVILLE (BP) — The problem with preachers today is that they preach sermons, according to D.E. King, pastor of a large black Baptist church in Chicago, Ill.

King, on the campus of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this summer as visiting professor of preaching, said during an interview here that "the early Christian preachers preached Christ — we preach sermons.

"One of the great deterrents to preaching today is the preparation of a literary masterpiece which we prepare to suit the people instead of to glorify God," King asserts.

The most important key to true preaching, says King, is a genuine call of God to the preaching ministry.

"A person has to be first called to preach ... and unless he receives a call from God, he can never preach regardless of the discourses he prepares," the visiting professor explains.

Pastor for more than 10 years at Chicago's 1,300-member Monumental Baptist Church, King has preached at spots around the world, including the Baptist World Alliance in Argentina and in the Soviet Union.

He delivered the Mullins Lectures in Preaching at Southern Seminary in 1973, and has preached at the Louisville school several times.

King believes that preaching "is not the gathering of a lot of words and sentences into a discourse — it is the overflow of

Help Wanted!

Mrs. Erena Allen took out a Subscription to the Baptist Informer during the All-Baptist Assembly in Durham, last July. She gave her address as Route 1, Box 321-B. Somehow the name of the City in which she lives was not placed on the subscription application.

Anyone who knows the correct address of Mrs. Allen is requested to send it to The Baptist Informer's office. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

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Letter To The Editor

July 6, 1977

Dear Editor

I am sending some news that I think would be nice for others to know about. I sent this news once before but somehow it did not get in the Informer. If I cannot get it printed, please return it to me.

If you should print it, send some copies of the Informer to me to sell to some of the ministers in Rose Hill, N.C. and also the Mayor, his honor, Alex Brown.

Mrs. Nellie Blount
1706 Maryland Street
Lumberton, N.C. 28358

Dear Mrs. Blount:

Here is the substance of the News that you sent in.

Introduction

Greenevers is a predominately Black rural Town, located in the Southern portion of Duplin County. Although the town has only been incorporated for seven (7) years, its 440 citizens have made great strides in creating community identity.

Town of Greenevere
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Rose Hill, N.C. 28458

one's devotional life."

He urges preachers to develop their sermons from the Scripture rather than from commentary material — "he may end up with a comment on the commentaries" — and to preach with a minimum of notes or none at all.

"The difference of preaching without a manuscript is that you're free and you have revelations while you preach that you wouldn't have with a manuscript," King indicates.

Mayor - Alex Brown
Clerk - Ethel T. Boney

Alderman - Earl Murphy,
Nathan Murray, W.T. Harrell,
Annie R. Bryant, Thomas Dixon

The town was Incorporated November 6, 1969. The Town Hall and Fire Department was built in March 1974. A fire truck was purchased in Feb. 1976. Mr. Tim Herring of Washington, D.C. named the Town. There are two (2) Churches in the area. There are no schools in this area. Yes The Town would like for some business to come to us. We would like to see a copy of this in print.

Correction!

Correction: The August issue of the Informer stated that Dr. R. Irving Boone, Kinston, received a plaque during the President's Prayer Breakfast (All-Baptist Assembly, July 27) in recognition of his being appointed as a member of the State Health Commission by Governor James Hunt.

He was appointed to the Human Relations Council.

Correction!

Correction: The August issue of the Informer stated that the next One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. would be held Tuesday before the Second Sunday in May 1978 at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, Reverend Manuel L. Dillingham, Pastor.

The Reverend Carl Lee is Pastor of Shiloh.

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— Convention Scenes —



Dr. Samuel Wiley shown addressing the Sunday School and B.T.U. auxiliaries to the G.B.S.C. of N.C. during the All-Baptist Assembly last July 25-29, at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Dr. Wiley is a representative of the N.C. Council of Churches.



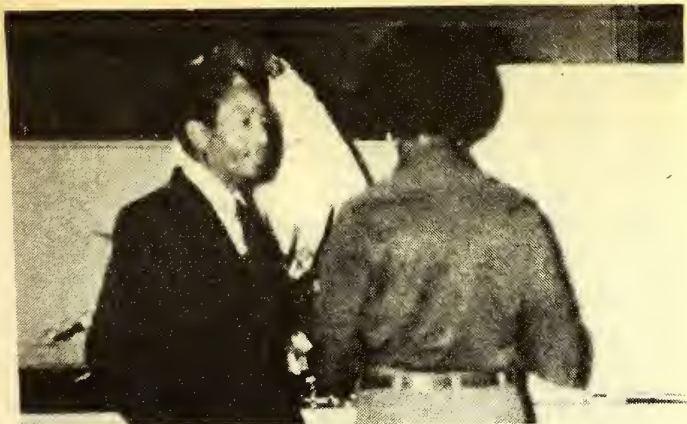
Dr. T.A. Watkins (Wilson) Shown as he preached to the All-Baptist Assembly last July 26. He said that if our religion and Christianity has roots in Jesus Christ we can live and prosper and produce abundance of fruit.



Dr. Cecil Ray, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of N.C. shown addressing the messengers during the President's Annual Prayer Breakfast. The Breakfast was held at the Royal Villa in Raleigh, last July 27.



The Reverend R.E. Devoe, pastor the Shiloh Baptist Church, Shelby was caught by the camera as he delivered the Evangelistic message last July 26 during the All-Baptist Assembly. The service, held at the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Durham was soul stirring to say the least. Reverend Devoe said that many preachers and Christians are weak today because they have not fully decided to follow the Lord.



Dr. J.J. Johnson, President (G.B.S.C.) seen at All-Baptist Meet being interviewed by Deborah Long of W.T.V.D. channel 11.

Friendship Installs Pastor

By Shirley Gupton

Rocky Mount — The Friendship Baptist Church, U.S. 64 East, has installed their former assistant pastor, Reverend D.D. Williams as their full time pastor, the 4th Sunday in June. The Reverend Williams is a native of Wilson County, N.C. The Mistress of Ceremony, Shirley Gupton and Deacon Johnny M. Smith, Jr. presided over the service. Scripture by Reverend W.R. Barnes, Prayer by Reverend Wayne Hines, Music by the GB's of Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The installation message was presented by the Dr. James Z. Alexander of The Saw Divinity School. There was a solo by Deacon Johnny Smith, Jr.; introduction of the Pastor was by Reverend T.A. Warkins; charge to the church by

Reverend E.D. Woodard; charge to the pastor by Reverend J.O. Throne. Welcome to the New Minister was given by Mr. Fred Turnage, Mayor of



Rev. D. O. Williams

Willow Chapel

By Dr. G.E. Brown, pastor

Gold Point — The week of April 4-8, 1977 was a week of spiritual growth as Willow Chapel Baptist Church, Gold Point, N.C., held its early Vacation Bible School. "Lord Jesus Teach Me" was the basis theme discussed during the week, with a grand member in attendance, the various classes were taught by Dr. G.E. Brown, deacon Jesse Black, brother Alphonso Lee, sister Annette Hyman and sister Elise Godard.

The Vacation Bible School directors were sister Shelia Knight and sister Rita C. Latham. The week of study was greatly enjoyed, greatly received, and promise to be put into practice in times to come.

Rocky Mount; Welcome to the church was given by the Chairman of Deacons, Charlie Noel. There were also expressions from the Local Ministerial Bodies and Associations.

Reverend Williams became the assistant pastor under the Late Reverend T.H. Rand and served for 5 years. The Reverend Ran passed in February 1976, after which Reverend Williams carried on the pastorate for 6 months. Then he was voted in as pastor.

Reverend Williams is a member of Cherrys' Chapel Baptist Church of Wilson County and was ordained by the Wilson County Association. He has completed a three year course in Protestant Theology and Ministerial ethics and etiquette at Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh. He is also the Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Wilson, N.C.

The Reverend D.D. Williams and wife resides at 730 Henna Street, Rocky Mount, and are the proud parents of 5 children.

A Thought To Ministers and Everyone: God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy (Ecclesiastes 2:26)

110th Annual Session

Souvenir Booklet Offered

Durham — White Rock Baptist Church has had the pleasure of hosting the Joint Baptist Conventions of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., July 25-29, 1977. It has been an experience we shall always remember with pride. Would you like a remembrance of this great Convention? Now you can have one, with the purchase of a Souvenir Booklet of this 110th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., and its Auxiliaries, "Our 110th Annual Session." Don't miss this chance to preserve the spirit of the Convention by not ordering this Souvenir Booklet. Photos, ads, greetings, and best wishes from organizations and individuals all concerned with furthering the Christian cause today are included. You may receive a copy of this Souvenir Booklet by simply detaching the order form below and returning it, with \$2.00 for each booklet ordered, to the church office of White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville Street, Durham, N.C. 27707 - phone 688-8136 or 688-8137. All persons ordering by mail, please include 50 cents for postage and handling. Please do not send cash through the mail. Thank you!

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Mrs. J. Young Mims Praised

Vance County Missionaries Perform

From: Thelma C. Horton, Chairman

Public Relations, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

The exceptional performance of the Vance County Missionary Union was one of the many things that highlighted the 93rd annual session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., which met at White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, July 25-29, with the All-Baptist Assembly. Mrs. J.B. McLester, Durham, president, praised the Union for their outstanding performance.

They presented an original pageant, "Arise, Let's Go Hence", which was written and directed by Mrs. J. Young Mims, a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church Missionary Circle, Henderson. Dr. Roland W. Perry is her pastor and Mrs. Ethel H. Clements her County Union president. It was dedicated to Sister Minnie C. Lyon, now residing in Durham, in recognition of her 30 years of service in Africa.

With the flair of a theatrical production, Mrs. Bettie E. Minkins announced the presentation of "A Missionary Challenge: Arise, Let Us Go Hence" by Mrs. J. Young Mims.

"The purpose of this pageant is to promote evangelism by encouraging every Christian to share the 'Good News' of God's redemptive love to lost souls."

"The selection of this year's theme, 'Arise, Let Us Go Hence' (St. John 14:31), is indicative of the fact that the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. places a very high priority on soul-winning, a major objective."

"Like a far-reaching beam of light piercing the darkness of man's lost condition, the Bible stands out as the essential authority and the perfect source of instruction for evangelism by every Christian. The pageant follows the scriptural plan with a focus on Christian service which offers no more exalted

possibility than that of winning a person from a life of sin to a glorious life in Christ."

"The pageant highlights the Bible Truth that soul-winners are the choice soldiers in the vast army of the conquering Christ; that the 'Good News' is a witnessing Gospel, not to be kept but to be heralded abroad; and, finally, that the greatest reward to any Christian for his labors here will be the glory which these labors add to His Kingdom."

As we listened attentively, the five Episodes: The Light of Service and Brotherhood, The Armour of the Christian, The Fruit of the Spirit and Women With a Message, we found ourselves "caught up" in the challenge of the Epilogue, dedicating and re-dedicating our lives to God and the task of "telling the Good News".

Beautiful examples of Witnesses, who answered the call of God in Biblical History, were portrayed by Madames Ethel Clement, Willie M. Hinton, Karla Mitchell, Anita Harris and Clara Rogers. Among those in the Woman's Convention, who have gone to receive their heavenly reward, more recently, were: Madames Ellen S. Alston, Raleigh; Annie L. Filmore, Durham and Roberta G. Ward, Raleigh.

A "debt of gratitude" was paid to past president, Mrs. Vera M. Slade, Ahoskie and President J.B. McLester. As a special tribute to a "little one", Mrs. Mims wrote a poem in honor of Mrs. M.A. (Berthenia D.) Horne, which was presented to her by little Miss Evangeline Mitchell. It is entitled, "Twenty-Eight Years of Service".

Twenty-eight years of service with this wonderful, working convention—

It is very fitting that we note a few highlights which I shall mention.

We salute a leader with talents that seem to increase day by day—

Do you recognize this worker who is using her life in God's



Mrs. Mims

Photo identification (left to right) Ms. Janice Carroll and Ms. Andrea Minkins; Ms. Mildred Martin and Woman's Convention Choir with Mrs. R.D. Lucas at the piano. Bottom row: Madames Dorothea Kelly, Elizabeth Flemming, Christine Foster, Marie Williams, Oralee B. Burton, Clasten Thomas, Hattie B. Williams, Angelea Lewis, Inez Mills, Gladys' M. Crosson and the name of the individual holding the word "Meekness" is not known to writer.

way?

Twenty-eight years of helping others throughout the state and nation,

Teaching, counseling, sharing truth — A noteworthy occupation.

Twenty-eight years of prayerful planning — We see the results of her work;

She taught us a valuable lesson — From duty we must not shirk.

Twenty-eight years of dedication — Her striving has not been in vain;

Though task have not always been pleasant, she has toiled through sunshine and rain.

Twenty-eight years of sharing the light at home and in distant lands.

Spreading His message so clearly that least of His flock understands.

Twenty-eight years of far-reaching aid to those who have never heard,

The message of Salvation from God's Holy Word.

Twenty-eight years of faithful stewardship — our position is now first place—

An example of what can be done through good leadership and God's grace.

Twenty-eight years of themes

and projects to realize conventions goals—

Placing a high priority on endeavors to win lost souls.

Twenty-eight years of recruiting for talents — she knows where to look—

She is constantly adding new prospects to the list in her little black book.

Twenty-eight years of constant striving for Jesus — nor fortune or fame.

And that is why she never ceases to praise Him and honor His Name.

Toil on, Sister Horne, and remember that skies may not always be blue!

Continue to work for the Master! A reward will be waiting for you."

Mrs. Mims was also praised for the heart warming poem she wrote, entitled, "Arise Let Us Go Hence", which can be sung, using the melody, "I Believe".

In addition to the persons identified in the photograph above and those mentioned in this article, we salute Madames Arcelia Martin, Marie Floyd, Sarah Lewis, Margaret Hicks, Esther Rose Rogers, Mr. James Y. Eaton and Andre Minkins.

Our "hats are off" to Writer, Directress, Poet and Soloist J. Young Mims; Narrator M. Mildred Martin and the Vance County Missionary Union and

their president, Mrs. Ethel Clements for such an exceptional performance.

(Note: Copies may be obtained from the Woman's Convention Office for a minimal cost.)

Memorandum

CITY & COUNTY UNION PRESIDENTS LOCAL CIRCLE PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

FROM: Mrs. Helen W. Falls, Co-Chairman, National Loyalty Fund

RE: THE 1976 NATIONAL LOYALTY FUND

DATE: April 9, 1976
It is time again for me to remind you of our National Loyalty fund. Each year our North Carolina Convention is well represented by your contributions to the Loyalty Fund, and we look forward to continued cooperation.

This year we are asking each city and-or county union, also each local missionary circle to give \$5.00.

We realize that you have many financial obligations for the year, however, we cannot stop, we must continue until we hear the Master say, "Well Done".

Please do not let us down. Send your \$5.00 to our State Convention Office at any time between now and May 30, 1976. (Remember our books close for this fiscal year on May 30, 1976.)

Love is the fulfilling of the law: it is grace, mercy, and justice.

-Mary Baker Eddy

Human affection is not poured forth vainly, even though it meet no return. Love enriches the nature, enlarging, purifying, and elevating it.

-Mary Baker Eddy

To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings.

-Mary Baker Eddy

One Hundred Women In White

By Mrs. Elnora Hairston

The Davidson County Missionary Union presented "100 Women in White" June 5, 1977 at New Smith Grove Baptist Church in Lexington, NC, with Mrs. Naomi Morrison as guest speaker.

Music was furnished by the Young Adult Choir of Good Hope Five Baptize Holiness Church of Lexington, NC. Mrs. Morrison was introduced by Mrs. Hazel Cross.

Mrs. Morrison expressed thanks to the county union for electing her as guest speaker and gave encouraging remarks to the ladies for being dressed so beautiful in their white.

She stated that she always thinks of white as being pure. Pure not only physically but, mentality, morally and

spiritually. White is also a magic color. Its good to dress up in white and represent the good master. So let us see if we can represent our lives with the colors we wear.

Mrs. Morrison's subject was "Windows of the Soul".

Some of the highlights of her message was as following: Imagine a building without windows to see Gods beautiful sunshine in, building without windows become bruises and structures. They offer no fascination, no outlet of hope, and no inlet of light, they are drob and unrealistic structures. So it is with the soul, God has provided a body for the outer protection of the soul and as long as there is life in that body the soul remains deep within its

confines. One writer has said that the eyes are the windows of the soul, they could very well be because, they can turn in all directions and get all kinds of viewpoints. They can see the beauty of the morning sunlight or they can dwell in the lurking shadows of darkness. Everyone builds a window in his-her own soul of his-her own making. As missionary women we cannot be too careful about the windows of the soul. We can take great pride in keeping the windows of our home clean, so it is with the windows of our souls we must strive to keep them clean so the beauty of the inner soul may not be hampered by unsightly cobwebbs of distrust, predgity and hate. We construct our own windows by the way we live, how we walk, how we treat our fellow

man. We need windows that will let us see the view point of others. The true missionary who forget self and rewards, that is the type God wants. Joy to the real missionary, the follower of Christ who's windows are always open to doing good when ever and wherever possible, and holding the light low enough that those have lost their way can see it and follow.

Mrs. Morrison closed by asking two questions: How opened or how closed are we keeping our windows? How are the windows of your soul?

Following her message there was a solo by Mr. Bruce Anderson, "Lord I'll Go." Words of thanks by Mrs. Viola Cross, 1st Vice President and remarks by the President - Mrs. Elnora Hariston.

New Officers Of Women's Convention



Assistant Recorder (Sr)
Mrs. Marian Bass, High
Point, N. C.



Youth Supervisor
Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell
Clayton, N. C.

Child Abuse

What You Can Do About It

By LIZ SKILLEN

THOMASVILLE, N.C. (BP) — A mother and her two-year-old son enter the emergency room. "He fell down some stairs," she tells the doctor.

An examination tells a different story — too many scars from burns and cuts, too many bruises not quite healed, and x-rays reveal cracked and broken bones that mended on their own.

"Child abuse is rapidly becoming one of the nation's major social crimes against children," said Robert Stump, social work coordinator for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. "Statistics suggest that child abuse is probably the most common cause of children's death today."

Why?

"There are a number of reasons why parents abuse their children," explained William Springs Jr., psychologist for the children's homes. "And there are a number of ways they can do it. Physical abuse is only the most obvious."

Mental illness is one explanation for abuse. In these cases, Springs says, the child is usually removed from the home.

"The old saying, 'The sins of the father are visited upon the children,' can explain another reason for severe treatment of a child," the psychologist said. "If a man grew up with beatings, chances are he'll beat his own children. Subconsciously he thinks, 'I was abused, therefore, I will abuse.'"

Harsh punishment can also be the result of immaturity. "A good example of this," the psychologist noted, "is the rejected mother syndrome. A mother tries unsuccessfully to comfort her crying baby. When the infant keeps crying, she immaturely perceives this as the baby's lack of love for her. Her reaction to this perceived rejection is to lash out, to beat the baby."

Springs cited another example of this "projection" into the child. When one mate is mad at the other, he or she can turn on the child, illogically blaming it

for the argument. Punishing the child is not only rationalized by this thinking, but serves as a release for the parent's anger, he explained.

A parent's feelings of guilt can also be projected into a child, resulting in abuse. "In some instances," the counselor reported, "when a child fails at something or misbehaves, an abusive parent will think other people see that as failure in himself."

Compared to complex reasons such as these, low frustration tolerance is a relatively simple explanation for abuse. "Some people," Springs said, "can take just so much crying, yelling before they react. Sometimes that reaction is violent."

Isolated instances of these types of behavior do not necessarily constitute abuse. Child abuse is defined as habitual behavior that is harmful to the growth and well being of a child. According to the psychologist, this definition includes psychological abuse. Repeated emotional punishment, Springs says, can be just as harmful to a child, but it is harder to prove in court.

Some states are trying to make it easier for concerned persons to do something about the problem. In North Carolina, in fact, a Child Abuse Reporting Law, passed in 1971, holds professionals and lay citizens legally responsible for reporting suspected abuse or neglect. Other states have enacted similar laws.

The North Carolina statute has had some impact on the public. During the first fiscal year after the reporting law passed, 6,875 abuse and neglect cases were reported; last fiscal year, 13,987 suspected cases were sent in to county social services.

"Both reports and cases confirmed have increased tremendously in the past five years," Gene Herrell, director of Caldwell County social services said. "But it's hard to verify that there is more abuse. It's possible that we are just finding out about what has been going on all along."

WOMEN'S PAGE



Dr. J.J. Johnson chats with this delegation from Wilmington, N.C. during the All-Baptist Assembly's opening night. These dedicated Christian missionaries were in attendance at the Woman's Baptist home and Foreign Missionary Convention's Annual Banquet at the Durham Civic Center. Mrs. Gurna T. Moore is seen second from L. on the back row. Other ladies are unidentified.

46% Of Children Under 18 Have Working Mothers

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — New data released by the U.S. Labor Department reveal that 46 per cent of children under 18 in America last year had mothers who worked outside the home — a rise of 7 per cent since 1970.

The report also noted that 37 per cent of pre-schoolers had mothers who worked outside the home, an increase of 8 per cent since 1970. An estimated 28.2 million children last year had working mothers.

Increasing numbers of working mothers probably reflect a growing divorce rate and a trend toward increased female participation in the work force, the department said, observing that "divorced mothers have higher labor force participation rates than other women with children."

In 1975, the median family income for families in which both mother and father were in the labor force was \$17,200, compared to \$14,300 for families in which only the fathers are employed.

But Herrell doesn't think so. Society places more and more pressure on today's family unit, he says. And the family unit is not as close or strong as it once was in America. "I think it is these pressures," he continued, "that are responsible for our rising abuse and neglect figures."

Social service departments, however, still fight a battle to get people to call in their suspicions. Many people don't want to get involved. What they fail to realize is that by keeping quiet they are already involved in the possible mistreatment of a child. And they are preventing help from reaching abusive parents.

"We are not out to punish the abuser," Herrell pointed out, "but to help him. Usually there are many other problems that cause neglect or abuse. We can help him deal with these through family life counseling and other resources — but only if the situation is brought to our attention."

Bible School At Endstreet

By Dr. G.E.
Brown, pastor

Scotland Neck — If the hearts of happiness could be counted from the participants of the Annual Vacation Bible School of Endstreet Baptist Church, Scotland Neck, N.C., a unanimous vote would be given in joy by all of its constituents. With the theme "Lord Jesus Teach Me", as a basis for the week of study held May 9-13, 1977, the following teachers instructed the various classes:

Nursery Department - Mrs. Louise Smith, Beginner Department - Mrs. Carolyn Smith, Primary Department - Mrs. Flossie H. Smith, Middle Department - Mrs. Susie Pender, Junior Department - Mr. Otto Whitaker, Youth Girls - Mrs. Bessie Pender, Youth Boys - Mr. Percy James, Adults - Dr. G.E. Brown. Directors - Mrs. Estelle Smith and Mr. Melvin Pender, Secretary - Mrs. Bernadine Smith.

A total enrollment for the week was 143. The points of enrichment in learning are immeasurable, the impact of spiritual elevation, and mental awareness can not be told, but are to be shown in Bible living in days to come. Certificates were received by the majority of attendants, for making three or more classes.



Miss Verdie Stroup (Winston-Salem Sentinel) holds the Annual Religious Reporter Award, presented during the All-Baptist Assembly last July 27, at the President's Annual Prayer Breakfast. The award is in recognition of publishing the news without bias or discrimination.

Test And Measurements Of A Good Christian

During the seventy-seventh annual session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Union of Hertford and Bertie Counties, auxiliary to the West Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, President W. A. Mountain delivered a most challenging and thought-provoking message. From the subject, "Test and Measurements of a Good Christian", she said, "To be a good Christian in these evil days may mean sacrifice, poverty, sorrow and even death." Yet, in face of all this, she continued, a good Christian can be happy, unselfish, patient, faithful, dependable, friendly and loving.

The meeting was held on July 9, at the Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church, Powellsville.

In addition to the message, officers were installed. Mrs. Irene Yeates, president-emeritus; Mrs. W. A. Mountain, president; Mrs. O. S. Law, first vice president; Mrs. Novella Barnes, second vice president; Mrs. Evelyn Monk, third vice president; Mrs. Addie Bryant, fourth vice president; Mrs. Clara Motley, auditor and Mrs. Willie Anderson, parliamentarian; Mrs. Annie Felton, secretary and Mrs. Esther Gibson, treasurer.



Mrs. W. A. Mountain

Wanted, Old Minutes !

Minutes and any of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, formerly known as the Educational and Missionary Convention and later the Union Baptist Convention are needed for writing a history of our Convention and its Bodies.

Please send any materials that will be helpful in this effort to the Baptist Headquarters as soon as possible, attention Dr. O.L. Sherrill.

Minutes needed are listed below:

1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, and 1879, 1883, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1914, 1919, 1920, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945.

Because Jesus Christ Lives

Shaw University Shall Live Also

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This article concerning Shaw University is the fourth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The objective of this feature is to help the Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our state convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that" objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the Unified Program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is as follows: January and July - Srare Missions; February and August - Central Orphanage; March and September - Shaw University; April and October - Foreign Missions; May and November - the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; June and December - Shaw Divinity School.)

Because Jesus
Christ Lives:
Shaw University
Shall Live Also

Raleigh — "Thro' many dangers toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." Grace, yes God's Amazing Grace has brought Shaw University through many perilous days. It was the breath of Almighty God, breathing through the inspired life of Henry Martin Tupper, that breathed Shaw University into being 112 years ago. And it has been that breath of God-in-Jesus Christ that has kept Shaw alive to this very day.

In the Gospel of St. John (14:19), Jesus said to His Disciples: "... Because I live, Ye shall live also." This is the Eternal Word of Almighty God,

a promise that can never fail; Kingdoms may crumble, worlds may fade, but His promises shall endure. The death of Shaw University has been predicted and prophesied countless times, yet today because He lives, she lives. Shaw lives because her life is not dependent on circumstances and chance but it depends on her ability to remain rooted in Jesus Christ. Somehow, through dedication and faith, the prayers of the faithful have kept heaven informed that Shaw is still breathing life into the expectant youth that beat an endless path through her sacred halls.

The inspired hymn "Amazing Grace" by Newman, has furnished the strength for many a weary traveler to get up, in the face of seeming impossible odds, and go on to victory. In these latter days some are saying that Shaw cannot survive, that she has outlived her usefulness. But they are mistaken, there is a permanent place in the human experience for any institution that makes itself an instrument of God-in-Jesus Christ.

Opposing Ideologies

There is a current line of theology which projects the belief that victory belongs to the side that is able to gather the greatest amount of physical resources and mobilize them for its cause. It is a kind of modern day humanism that makes man and his intellectual capacities the full measure of things. This is not a new line of thought, it is as old as the first rebellion against the Rule of God by Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden.

Counterwise to this modern trend of thought the Truth of God still stands: "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell there in." "It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom" ... "Not by works lest any man should boast" ... "It is by Grace that ye are saved, and that through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ."

It pleases God to take our

broken wasted lives and to make us hold again to emphasize that all power is in His hand. We are dependent on Him, now and forever more.

If Black Baptists, who are called by God's name, will humble themselves and pry, then God will hear from heaven and will heal our beloved Shaw. Eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of Baptists the things God has in store for us, if we put Him first in our lives.

Some years ago a certain Baptist Church was trying to have a lay-revival, which had dragged on through one week in a dead and cold kind of way. Where upon, on Monday evening of the second week a man stood up and confessed that he had hated a woman in the church for many years. He went to the woman, fell on her neck and asked forgiveness. There was immediately a mighty rushing of the Holy Spirit through out the church and many other members confessed their hatreds and secret sins. Needless to say that the second week of the revival was a blessing to every soul that attended.

The point of emphasis here is clear; God can live and work through a heart that is opened in faith and sincerity to Him. Here is no want a thousand hills belong to Him. God never wanted for anything, all Power is in His hand. His blessings are waiting upon His people to humble themselves, to empty themselves of strife, selfishness, bitterness, and egoism. Then we shall know, as that revival group learned, that: "Because He lives, we shall live also ... yea, Shaw Lives Also."

The following items from Shaw all emphasize the Truth that Shaw lives and is alive forever more.

INTERIM PRESIDENT FLEMING EMPHASIZES SHAW DAY PROGRAMS

To The Pastors &

Attends Reception

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University, accompanied by Mrs. Fleming and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Kee, represented Shaw University at the Capital Hilton reception in Washington, D.C. for Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere. The reception was hosted by the Honorable Paul Boman, Tanzanian Ambassador to the United States.

Among the notables present were former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Representative Charles Diggs (D-Mich.) and Han Hsu, Deputy Chief of the People's Republic of China's Liaison Office.

Dr. & Mrs. Fleming and Mr. & Mrs. Kee were guests of Ambassador Boman, who spoke at Shaw University last year, and who has been conferring with Shaw officials about student and cultural exchange programs.

Churches of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated — We feel that the relationship between Shaw University and the Baptist Churches of North Carolina has been good, but we can improve it.

One way of accomplishing that goal is through a Shaw Day Program in every church. We ask you to set aside one Sunday as Shaw Day. The Interim President would like to come. Of course, his availability would depend on his schedule. We have other people available. We have two choirs - Chorale and Gospel - that will be sharing with us in the

task of creating goodwill for Shaw. For our assistance in this regard, you may contact our Office of University Relations or call (919) 755-4900.

A second way to improve Shaw - church relationships is through attending some of our outstanding events of the year. May I call to your attention the following dates:

September 16 - The Fall Opening Convocation

November 4 — The Founder's Day Observance

November 5 — Homecoming
Join with us in making these events memorable occasions.

Mothers Conference With Governor

By Religious News
Service (7-27-77)

RALEIGH, N.C. (RNS) — Fewer than 20 people completed a "march" here from Burgaw, N.C., to ask Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., to pardon the Wilmington 10, but seven mothers of imprisoned men met with the governor to ask him to end what they called a "blight of against justice."

The mothers, including Mrs. Elizabeth Chavis, mother of the Rev. Ban Chavis, leader of the imprisoned Wilmington 10, reported on their meeting with the governor to the marchers and others later on the State Capitol lawn.

Mrs. Chavis, whose son was a representative of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, said, "I'm just praying that God will give me life to see him out."

"To me," she said, "that meeting is so historic, because it is the first time a governor has allowed a meeting with the mothers of the Wilmington 10. Let's have confidence. Let's have faith and let's work. Let's continue to organize and we'll

win."

"We're hopeful," she added. "We feel relieved somewhat that we put it before him. The governor greeted us very kindly and was intensely interested in what we were saying, but he made no commitments."

Gov. Hunt told the mothers he would stick to his stand of not intervening in the case so long as it is before the courts on appeal. But he noted he had been pushing for uniform sentencing.

"As I think you know," he said, "I believe that in order for our system of criminal justice to be effective in terms of society and in terms of reducing crime, it has to be fair. I have been pushing very hard for uniform sentencing in North Carolina. It ought to have been done."

The Wilmington 10 are serving long prison sentences after being convicted of burning a white-owned grocery store and shooting at police and firemen who answered the alarm during racial violence at Wilmington, N.C., in 1971. They maintain they are innocent and that prosecution trial witnesses lied about them.

Welcome New Students

By Charles F. Blalock,
Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University officially opened its 113th year on Sunday, as the new students, "class of 1981", arrived to begin their nine-day orientation period.

The theme for this year's orientation is "Excellence in Performance Through Shared Responsibility". The orientation period will (1) provide opportunities for personal interviews and conferences with academic and student services personnel that will aid in early adjustment to the University;

(2) familiarize students and parents with policies, objectives, and procedures; (3) provide opportunities for new students to meet faculty, staff resident assistants, student interns, and student leaders; and (4) provide a pre-registration period of testing in order to place students on a level commensurate with their achievements.

Orientation activities will include a University picnic, talent show, track and field day, and University reception. The orientation will culminate on August 23, and classes begin.

Dr. Grady Davis Appointed Professor Of Behavioral Studies

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University, announced the appointment of Dr. Grady D. Davis to the position of Professor of Behavioral Studies.

Dr. Davis is an alumnus of Shaw, receiving the A.B. degree in 1942. He received the Master of Divinity degree from Andover-Newton Theological School and the Ph.D. in Psychology from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dr. Davis is a former pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church and a former instructor at East Carolina University. He also served as Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Shaw

University and Dean of the Shaw Divinity School between 1953 and 1964. In November of 1965, his church, Union Baptist of Durham, began and has continued the operation of a Day Care Center caring for 45 children, sponsored by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Dr. Davis, in 1960, was an unsuccessful candidate for the State House of Representative from Wake County. He has served on the Governor's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime and is a member of the N.C. Parole Commission.

Dr. Davis resides with his wife, the former Dorothy Hicks and their five children at 5520 Sweetbriar Drive in Raleigh. In 1969 his family was chosen "Raleigh's Black Family of the Year" by the Family Service Society.



Students and Graduates Worship at Shaw.

Annual Fund Drive Report

RALEIGH, N.C. — Shaw University's annual sustaining fund drive for 1976-77 came to a successful conclusion at the end of the official campaign period. As of June 30, 1977, end of the University's fiscal year, contributions and pledges totaling \$719,877 had been received, representing 90 percent of the projected \$800,000 campaign goal.

Campaign chairperson Dr. Chauncey Edwards and co-chairpersons Dr. George

Debnam, Dr. John Winters and Dr. John Baker, Jr. termed the campaign a success and expressed their gratitude to the churches, friends, alumni, corporations and foundations for their contributions toward the success of the drive.

The drive is conducted annually to seek funds to supplement the cost of the university's current operations, including the physical plant, auxiliary services, student aid, salaries and library acquisitions.

Receive Scholarships

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University, today released the names of the winners of the Shaw Renaissance Scholarship awards, the institution's highest academic award for high school graduates.

Names as recipients were: Ada Cherry, Windsor, N.C.; Lisa

A. Deramus, Portsmouth, Va.; Cornell Jones, Jr., Richmond, Va.; and Edwin J. Goodall, Richmond, Va.

The Renaissance Scholarship covers full tuition for four (4) years and is awarded to graduating high school students who have maintained a high level of scholastic and academic achievement over their four-year high school career.

Shaw Convenes Faculty -Staff Conference

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr. Coordinator

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University formally began its school year for 1977-78 with a three-day Faculty-Staff Pre-School Conference, August 15-17, with Dr. Nancy Bullock McGhee, delivering the keynote address.

The theme for the conference was "Shared Responsibility, Accountability". The conference was designed to set the course of action for the coming academic year and to provide guidelines for the different departments and divisions within the University.

Dr. McGhee spoke on "The Black College: Survival to 1984 and Beyond", with emphasis on the area of change as it related to education. "The rapid pace, or acceleration, of change can make obsolete, not only the educational adaptation and presentation of material by teachers, but the attitudinal change in their thinking is frequently very evident."

Dr. McGhee added, "one of the many questions college teachers are asking themselves is what are my responsibilities as an educator? Shared responsibility through accountability with teachers, parents, and students can make the difference in direction taken in the face of change in the black college as we now know it and as it may exist in 1984 and beyond."

Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw, admonished the faculty and staff to "become learners who teach and teachers who learn". Fleming added, "we make no pretense of reaching the goal, as implied in our theme, overnight, but we do want to show signs of moving in the right directions."

Following workshops in the divisions the conference was closed and the 113th year for Shaw University officially began.

Shaw Hosts Youth Seminar

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University hosted the Annual Christian Youth Seminar of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, June 26-July 1, 1977.

The Youth Seminar was originated 23 years ago in Pitsburg, Pennsylvania and is a division of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention named for Reverend Lott Carey, the first American Missionary in Africa. Reverend Carey, who was born in Charleston County, Virginia, a former slave, bought his freedom and that of his sons in 1821 and traveled to West Africa. He founded the Providence Baptist Church in Monrovia, Liberia, which has become a historic monument. The Convention was established in his honor in 1897 at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Over 450 young people from 16 states and Washington, D.C. attended the week-long seminar to listen to experts in the fields of social work as well discuss the social issues of the day. According to Reverend Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Convention, the purpose for which the Youth Seminar was founded in 1954 was to inform the young members of the Convention, in a Christian way, of the current social issues



NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED — The Shaw University National Alumni Association, during their Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 14, 1977, elected a new slate of officers. Shown, left to right, are: Reverend Ralph Grant, President; Mr. Herbert Hilliard, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Blanche Rivers, 2nd Vice President; Mr. Milton Daniels, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. Helen Dixon Stone, Secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Nunn Simmons, Recording Secretary; Dr. Dorothy M. Haith, Treasurer; Attorney William C. Raines, Parliamentarian; and Reverend Kemp Battle, Chaplain.

Laymen's Corner

Laymen Plan Winter Retreat

By WAVERLY CAMP, JR.

The Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will sponsor a winter retreat for Laymen and Royal Ambassadors at the J.J. Johnson Assembly, November 25-27, 1977.

The purpose of this retreat is to bring together young men, boys and older gents, so that they can study together, learn from each other and worship God.

The retreat promises to be a treat for all. Bible study, prayer services, recreation and good eating are just a few of the highlights planned. The Laymen will also receive and study a new youth program that has been prepared for the Laymen's Convention.

Please write to Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. at Baptist Headquarters for registration blanks. Registration fee is \$12.00 per person and it must accompany the return forms to Baptist Headquarters by October 13, 1977.

Laymen and Royal Ambassadors should bring the following things with them:

1. Bibles, pencil and paper
2. Sheets, blankets, pillow cases, towels, face cloth and soap.

Arrival time is Friday, November 25, 1977 at 6:00 p.m. Departure will be Sunday morning after worship service.

Please write in and get your forms now and return as soon as possible. The camp, as you know, has limited space.

1. Remember \$12.00 per person.
2. Food will be furnished.

facing them. This year, topics ranged from adoption and abortion to pregnancy and sex.

Featured speakers included Reverend Doctor David Durham, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Percy High of Durham, N.C., and Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University, who spoke on African Heritage. The Annual Sermon was delivered by Reverend Joe Fleming of Richmond, Virginia. (No relation to Dr. John Fleming)



Dr. & Mrs. Earl Sasser, Nashville, Tennessee, returned for Shaw University's Commencement Exercises, Saturday, May 14, 1977, representing the classes of 1926 and 1927, respectively ... over 101 years membership in the Shaw National Alumni Association.

Baptist State

(Continued From Page One)

part of the total church program. Ushers are not to walk at all times. They should be aware of God's presence. Rev. Diggs recommended that ushers should not get up after the message and no one should leave during the invitational hymn.

TRAINING SESSION

Mrs. Ernestine Scott, RN discussed the importance of the "The Duty of Usher is the Area of First Aid. Mrs. Scott briefly told us the importance of a First Aid Department in the church, the supplies and their uses. She also told us of the immediate care that can be given until a physician arrives.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: GROWING THROUGH SERVICE

President Fennell explicitly emphasized "growing" as being the main word that describes the ushers duties. The ushers are one of the youngest auxiliaries of this convention.

We see ourselves as children who are growing through service to God and his highest creation — man. We feel that we are an important part of this progressive convention. And we feel that there are many who depend on us for real service. After the conclusion of the church services, there is still much work to be done by those ushers who take their responsibilities seriously. Thus, we find ourselves steadily growing

through service.

We understand that in order to be an effective usher, one must have the patience of Job, the strength of Samson, and the love of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we plan to start early in the morning, work hard during the day, and even stay at the jobs until late in the night because we see this as a sign of people growing through service.

HONORS RECEIVED: PRESENTATIONS, MR. ARTHUR WILLIAMS

Mrs. Erma Frazier, because of the unlimited support given to the convention for twenty eight years of service as executive secretary was presented an engraved plaque. Brother William Kilgore and Mrs. Annie Whitehorse received Plaques for many years of faithful service.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAM

Mrs. Pritchard introduced the young people's program. The young people gave an inspirational program.

SERMON

A beautiful sermon was rendered by the Rev. C. Brown, pastor of the New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina. Reverend Brown's sermon was taken from St. Mark 5:18. He emphasized that God should be first in everything; and that man was made to glorify God. We should be submissive to his will, and uphold his name everywhere we go.

Good Things Come To Those Who Wait And Work Unselfishly

By Mrs. Doris Hunt

WINSTON-SALEM — This has been true with Dr. J. Ray Butler, the eminent Pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N.C., when he became recommended as a worthy and acceptable personality to be honored by the McKinley Theological Seminary of Jackson, Mississippi where Dr. N.K. Nelson is president. The Doctor of Laws Degree (LL.D.) was conferred upon Pastor Butler at Shiloh Baptist Church on Sunday, July 24th at 5:00 p.m. This honor was to be conferred upon him at the Annual service of recognition of the Mid-western Baptist Musical and Laymen's Fellowship Award held in Chicago, Illinois at Bethesda Baptist Church during the month of May, where Dr. Albert Williams, Managing Editor of the National Baptist Voice, is president. The Service in Chicago was a conflict with Dr. Butler because of the week of Revival Services in Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning on the same Sunday that the special recognition service was held.

The Rev. Dr. J. Ray Butler is the recipient of earned degrees from Shaw University and Divinity School with the A.B. and B.D. Degrees. The M.Div. Degree received, 1972; The Doctor of Divinity Degree from Friendship College, 1964; and Shaw Divinity School of Shaw University, 1973. He has done post graduate work toward the D.Th. Degree at the Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest University, 1967-68.

Dr. Butler is well travelled, touring the Middle East, 1972; the Holy Land and Athens Greece; Seven European Countries in 1975 and parts of West Africa touring countries of Nigeria and Liberia, November 1976.

Dr. Butler, a recipient of the National Award as Pastor of the Year (1975) awarded by the Midwestern Baptist Laymen's

Fellowship also received permanent possession of trophy in 1976 for outstanding leadership; elected contributing writer for the National Baptist Sunday School Publishing Board. He is Chairman of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention and occupies chief positions with the National Baptist Organizations. Locally, he is the president of the Forsyth Clergy Association of Winston-Salem and Vicinity and Vice president of the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates and several other organizations.

He is married to the former Marion Lucas of Durham, North Carolina and they have four sons.



Names of person in picture from left to right are: Deacon R.B. Stewart, Deacon Solomon Green, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Deacon G. Henderson, Webb, Dr. N.K. Nelson, President of the McKinley Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi.



Reverend E.W. Wooten (Jacksonville) L., receives the Christian Service Award for one half century of Christian service. The award was presented by Dr. J.J. Johnson, President of (G.B.S.C.) during the Annual President's Prayer Breakfast last July 27 at the All-Baptist Assembly.



Ben Ruffin, L., receives the Human Relations Award from Dr. J.J. Johnson, President (G.B.S.C.), during the Annual President's Prayer Breakfast at the All-Baptist Assembly last July 27. The award was presented in recognition of his being appointed as Director of the State Human Relations Council.

At Shaw

New Registra At Shaw

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The office of Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim president of Shaw University, has named Rudolph Williams as the new Director of Records and Registration.

Mr. Williams replaces Dr. Norbert Hoffman, who is now Director of the Computer Center.

Mr. Williams is a graduate of Hampton Institute (1956) with a B.S. Degree in Chemistry. He received his M.S. in Chemistry from North Carolina Central University in 1966. He came to Shaw in 1966 as Chemistry and Mathematics instructor. He served from 1969-1974 as

Director of Development for Kittrell College, returning to Shaw in 1974 as Director of the Office of Organization and Management. In 1976, he was appointed Director, Management Information Systems, the position she held until now.

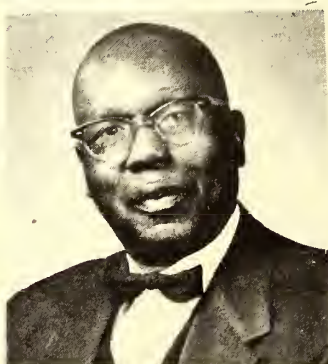
Mr. Williams resides at 2107 Southgate Drive in Raleigh, with his wife, the former Gloria Terrell, and their two sons, Rudolph Jr., 14, and Leslie Therron, 12, and daughter, Sylvia Ann, 10.

New Officers

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The Youth Department welcomed a new supervisor and president. Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Clayton, comes with many years of experience as a leader for youth. Presently, she serves as Institute Instructor and Youth Supervisor for Johnston County Missionary Union and is a Scout Leader.

David Bryant Lucas, known best for his "singing talent", is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R.D. Lucas, King Mountain. He is a junior at Pfeiffer College and works with the Youth Bible Camp. As one individual affectionately said, "He is 'Ole Man River'".



Rev. M. J. Grimes

In Memoriam

Mount Olive — Eastern North Carolina was stunned with grief last August 25th as they paid their final tribute to the memory of the Late Reverend Jerry Michael Grimes. He was a native of Warsaw, N.C. and had made his home in Mount Olive. The service, held at the mount Gilead Baptist Church, was officiated over by Reverend S.M. Wright, and the Eulogy was delivered by Pastor C.W. Wright.

Reverend Grimes has served 17 churches as Pastor, and at his retirement several years ago, he was pastor of Greater Six Run Baptist Church, Turkey, N.C.; Hills Chapel Church, Faison, N.C.; and First Baptist Church, Rose Hill, N.C. He was a member of the ministerial Alliance of Mount Olive; 2nd Vice Moderator of the Kenansville Eastern Baptist Association; Chairman of the Ministerial Board of K.E.M.B.A.; and was very active in civic and religious activities in and around the neighboring counties. He was also a great supporter of the work of the G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc.



The Reverend T.M. Walker, L., receives the Churchman Award from Dr. J.J. Johnson, President (G.B.S.C.) last July 27 at the President's Annual Prayer Breakfast during the All-Baptist Assembly. The award was in recognition of outstanding community, religious, civic and political church leadership.



Dr. D.P. Lane, L., receives the Humanitarian Award from Dr. J.J. Johnson, at the All - Baptist Assembly last July 27, during the President's Annual Prayer Breakfast. The award was in recognition of his hiring of Miss Joanne Little in order that she might become eligible for work-release from State Prison. Miss Little was the center of attention, Nationwide, in a murder case in which a white jailer was killed. She was acquitted on the murder charge, but was later convicted on a breaking and entering charge. Dr. Lane hired her when it became known that she was eligible for work-release but no one would give her a job.

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In Smooth Transition

Command Changes At Baptist Headquarters

Raleigh - Dreaming of a great and glorious destiny for Black North Carolina Baptists, Sep-

tember 1, Dr. Calvin C. Craig took command of North Carolina Black Baptists as

Executive Secretary-Treasurer. In a brief ceremony at the Baptist Headquarters building, there was a "change of command" as Dr. O.L. Sherrill, retiring Executive Secretary-Treasurer, solemnly and cheerfully relinquished his office to his successor. "It has been my happy privilege to serve the Baptist in this office for 30 years", stated Dr. Sherrill, as he passed the keys to the executive office to Dr. Craig. "God has blessed, my work, He has blessed the Convention, and He has blessed me", continued Dr. Sherrill, as he pledged his continued support and loyalty to the work of the Convention. "I will never cease to work for the cause until the Lord calls me home", declared Dr. Sherrill.

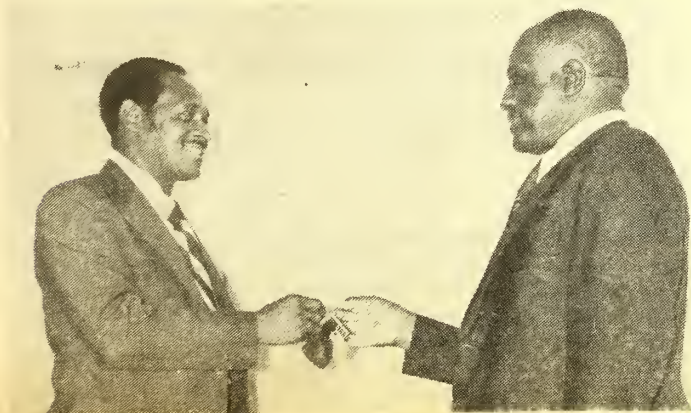
The air was charged with a

feeling of reverence, as though one were in the presence of Holy and Sacred proceedings. There was evidence of mixed feelings: that there was rejoicing that the 30 year race had been successfully run with a happy ending; and there was a note of sorrow that seemed to say that a fruitful relationship had suddenly come to an end. The parting of friends is always an occasion of joyful-sorrow, mixed feelings that strong men learn to face with courage.

Whatever the future may hold for Dr. Sherrill, no one can deny that Black Baptist have come a long ways in the last 30 years. They have come all the way from a few rooms in the Leonard Building on Shaw's Campus to their own debt-free Headquarters building in

downtown Raleigh. There are some struggles and trials that Baptists would like to forget and are thankful that they are behind them; yet it has been these very trials and struggles that have lifted them to their present heights. The convention today has not only expanded in North Carolina, but has extended its influence from shore to shore throughout the Nation and into the international world.

Dr. Craig has a dream for the future of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and his 15 years in the Assistant Executive post has convinced him that only our God knows what Baptist shall be, but when it doth appear, it shall be marvelous in our eyes. (See feature story on Dr. Craig - this Issue Baptist Informer.)



Keys are passed to Dr. C.C. Craig, left, Sept. 1 at the Baptist Headquarters by Dr. O.L. Sherrill as he succeeds the retiring Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention.

What Is Meant By The Unified Program?

Raleigh-It is an attempt to unify—to make one—to bring together the financial support of the five (5) objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. It is a way by which the Baptist Churches of the state can support all of its objectives in a

systematic way. The program provides for every undesignated dollar, given through the Unified Program, to be divided so that each of the five (5) objectives receives a definite proportion for the support of the Lord's work. Through the Unified Program, out of every dollar; Shaw

University, our educational objective receives 34 cents; Shaw Divinity School, our theological seminary, receives 10 cents; State

Missions, which represents a variety of ministries in North Carolina and the operation of the

Baptist Headquarters, receives 30 cents; the Lott Carey Foreign

Mission Convention, our Foreign mission objective, receives 20 cents; and Central Orphanage at

Oxford, N.C., our benevolent objective, receives 6 cents. This means that with each con-

tribution sent to the Baptist Headquarters through the Unified Program, the contributor shares in the support of

all the General Baptist State Convention objectives. This is THE UNIFIED PROGRAM.

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Martin Street Baptist Church Hosts As

Special General Baptist Session Convenes

Raleigh — A new fellowship hall will welcome the messengers of the General Baptist State Convention to Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, October 25th, when the convention meets in Special Session. Dr. Paul H. Johnson, pastor of Martin Street, has made provisions for lunch to be provided in the new facility for the messengers at a reasonable fee. The church, located on the corner of East Martin and State Streets, is one of Raleigh's leading and fastest growing congregations.

In setting the time and place for the Special Session, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention, pointed out the significance of the Session. He stated that there is a large volume of unfinished business that must be completed before

the year's end; due to the full schedule at the All-Baptist Assembly, there was not enough time to transact all the important business.

The main thrust of the Session has been directed towards raising enough funds to complete the 1,000,000 budget for the first time in the history of the Convention. All pastors and Baptist Organizations are being urged to send up and bring up a liberal offering for the Unified Program.

Outstanding features of the Special Session will be: (1) An address by Dr. C.C. Craig, entitled: "My Dream and Destiny for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc."

(2) A Plenary Session, President Johnson, presiding.

(3) A Sermon: Reverend John D. Fuller, pastor, Lewis Chapel

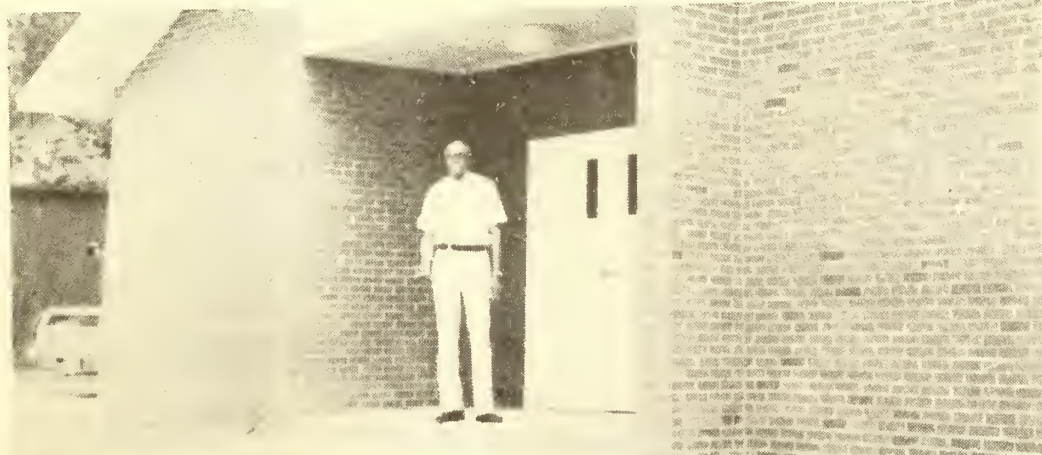
Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.

(4) A Sermon: Reverend Westcott Johnson, President,

South Carolina Baptist State Convention.

(5) The Consecration and

Installation of the New Executive Secretary - Treasurer by President Johnson.



Dr. Paul H. Johnson stands in the doorway of the new Martin Street Fellowship Hall with hand outstretched in a gesture of welcome to the Special Session of the General Baptist State Convention, October 25th.

Unified Program

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The Unified Program was adapted by the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in Raleigh in 1935.

Just as the organization of the General Baptist State Convention was the answer, more than a century ago, to a recognized need to unite in order to do the work of the Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ more effectively; the convention realized a need for a financial plan which would be most nearly acceptable in all the churches - a financial plan that would apply to all churches alike - a financial plan that would permit small

and large churches to support the objectives of the convention in the same proportions - a financial plan that would meet both the interest and financial abilities of each church more adequately. Now for almost half a century the Unified Program has been the means by which the General Baptist State Convention has reached greater and greater heights. The time is here now for every Baptist Pastor and every Baptist Church to begin supporting the work of Jesus Christ through the General Baptist State Convention's Unified Program.

Jesus Christ The Emancipator

By Reverend Joseph Mason

Jesus Christ is a proven friend to Black people. Webster says, "A friend is one on the same side in a struggle." Black people have been struggling for over 400 years trying to get "free". Our grand parents trusted in Jesus, and were "freed". You see, sin has the Black man in slavery, not a race of people or a system. Jesus said, "whosoever committeth sin is the servant (or slave) of sin." Jno. 8:34. Jesus defeated our enemy at Calvary, who is none other than Satan. Webster also says, "a slave is a person who is completely dominated by some influence or habit." Drug addiction, gambling, stealing, prostitution, and many other habits have become habitual and are holding many of our Black brothers and sisters in bondage.

They want to be free, which is indicated by the tremendous number of suicides we're having in our Black community.

Jesus proved his concern when he died to break sin's power, and he rose from the dead to give the believer a complete freedom from the bondage and slavery of sin. You may not live in luxury but you can experience a day by day appreciation of your God given blessings.

Many black people have never learned that freedom is first and foremost an internal thing. Freedom is not a social or environmental change.

Jesus Christ can enable you to adjust to your external circumstances if you let him have absolute control of your life. No man is "free" who does not have Christ in his life. Howard Hughes proved "Freedom" is not having money.

In the book of Acts, chapter 8, verses 26-40, Jesus proved that he wants Black people to be "free" through his saving grace.

God took a busy successful Jewish evangelist named Phillip right out of a revival in Samaria, and sent him to the desert to give his message of love to a Black man sitting and reading from the Bible but didn't understand what he was reading. Phillip explained the word of God to him, and he received into his heart by faith the greatest friend Black people have ever known.

My friend, if you want to be "free", remember these words, "He who is freed by Jesus Christ is free indeed."

Only Jesus Christ can open one's eyes to see that Satan is the mastermind behind all the confusion between the races. No people can escape the forces of satanic evil apart from Jesus Christ, regardless of color or national origin.

Every Black pastor should exert extra efforts to inform his congregation with the facts that the reason Black people are suffering is because they have turned their backs on God.

Good education, good paying jobs, nice homes, beautiful and comfortable automobiles have caused many to grow cold and indifferent to the things of God.

Black people should also remember that Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. never let his education, his Nobel Peace Prize, his wealth, and all his other achievements stop him from

serving the God who inspired him to be "nonviolent". Dr. King tried to get Black people to trust God for "innerfreedom" because he knew that one day the Black man would die, and leave everything behind but his soul, and if the soul had not been made "free" from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ then it would suffer the agony of torment throughout eternity.

I'm Black and proud don't you see,

But soul brother, I've been to Calvary,

Up there I met my redeemer friend,

Who shed his blood paid for my sin.

Now through His love and grace I'm free,

So come on soul brother, don't you see,

Let Jesus the Emancipator set you "FREE".

Isaiah 42:8

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Shaw Receives Foundation Grant

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The office of Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University, announced today the reception of a \$20,000 National Science Foundation Scientific Research Grant.

The grant is in support of Research Initiation for Minority Institution Improvement: The Effects of Cytoprotectants on Bacterial Cells, and will be administered by Dr. Bibek Ray,

Department of Biology.

Dr. Ray explained that the research would determine what happens to bacteria when they're frozen and how some chemical compounds protect cells from freezing. This will be extremely helpful in matters concerning the preservation of biological materials such as blood, tissues, organs, etc.

The grant was effective August 1, 1977 and will continue through April 30, 1979.

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Celebrates 41st Birthday

By Lillie Jones

DURHAM — The New Home and Durham Woman Auxiliary met at the New Home and Durham Sunday School Convention Home on Guess Road, Durham, N.C. for its 41st Anniversary, September 10-11, 1977. The two day session was opened with worship chairpersons Anna Patterson and Annie Tinnen. A warm welcome was given by Lessie Long. Greeting came from incoming Association Moderator: Reverend Ranley Enoch, Ministers and Deacons Union; Moderator: Reverend B.A. Mack, Sunday School Convention; President: Mr. Walter Umstead; and One-Day District Conference Chairman: Mrs. E.M. Stanfield. Music for the two days sessions was rendered by Mrs. Frances Harris, Mt. Olive Echoes and the Lipscomb Choir. Woman's Auxiliary President Berma Dunnegan delivered her address on Saturday. Using for text Matt. 11:12; St. Luke 16:6 and for subject, "Pressing into the Kingdom". Response came from special worker Nannette Tinnin. Mission Study Teacher, Susie Smith used for a text Ezekiel 2:1-4, and Isaiah 40:6. She used for a subject "Cry Loud and Spare Not".

On Sunday, the special Anniversary speaker was The Reverend Yvonne Beaseley, Director of United Campus Christian Ministry at N.C.C.U., Durham, N.C. She used for a text II Kings 2:3-7 and for a subject, "Arise, Let Us Go Hence".

The Stewardship Plaque was given to Gleen's Grove Baptist Church, with their President, Louise Torain accepting.

The 41st Anniversary had participation from all churches and was enjoyed by all.



N. C. Baptists Attend

80th Annual Session Of Lott Carey

Louisville, Ky. — Shown in the photo above is a group of N.C. Baptists who were in attendance at the 80th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, held recently in Louisville, Kentucky. From left to right: Reverend Wesley

Grant, Asheville; President of Lott Carey, Dr. J.D. Bussey; Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C. and Chairperson of the Lott Carey's Woman's Auxiliary

Board; Mrs. Vera Slade, President of the Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary, Ahsokie; Mr. Slade; and Mrs. Mary Hendricks, Director of Lott Carey Youth Department, Washington, D.C.

Family Plus Being 18-Hour Preacher Make For Crisis

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Most pulpit committees look for the 18-hour-a-day preacher who acts like a corporate president and can "make things grow," a North Carolina pastor declared here.

"The unspoken agenda for almost every pulpit committee when speaking to a prospective minister for their church is — can you make it grow?" Cecil Sherman told a conference on "The Bible and Moral Decision Making" sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Super performance is

demanding and the 18-hour-a-day preacher who turns a church around as one would a corporation is idealized and lifted up, in spite of the fact that his wife and family are hurt in the process," declared Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C.

Sherman urged ministers, pulpit committees and church members alike to reexamine the place of family in their own lives.

"It's here," he said, "where we need to be preaching and giving a witness. This is the front line in America's real moral crisis and how we speak to this question will determine our divorce rate, our delinquency, our societal survival."

According to the North Carolina pastor, a primary problem in dealing with family priorities is that "we have communicated to our male children the illusion that one must be successful at all costs; that the family is important but professional success is extremely important."

"Because of this illusion the

American male is a torn person," observed Sherman, "and the American Christian male is peculiarly torn. His assignment is to succeed professionally and he must also succeed at home, but these two sides of his life work against each other."

For young ministers in this success-oriented society, Sherman suggested that it might be better, if they are committed to "super performance," that they should not marry. "Here is where we need to face this problem," he said. "If you're going to have children, you are obligated to give up a section of your life to rear them."

For married ministers, Sherman urged them to bring a balance to their ministries by spending more time with their families and less time trying to reach the proverbial "top of the denomination ladder" by hopping from one church to another to gain position, more money and power. "Too many new drapes, new sets of furniture, new homes are being paid for at the risk of a marriage or the risk of the child," he said.

Coming Event

To Convene In Bahamas

Freeport, Bahamas — The North American Baptist Women's Union (NABWU) is a very interesting program, drawing women from every continent and state in the world. The agenda consist of musical selections, conferences and world-renowned speakers.

Those appearing on the program from North Carolina are: Mrs. Vera Slade, President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention's Woman's Auxiliary and Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign

Missionary Convention of N.C. Others attending are: Miss Bettie Chisloms, Administrative Assistant to Mrs. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Falls, Winston-Salem, N.C., and Mrs. Clara Ballentine, Raleigh.

This union meets every five (5) years, and is the Women's Department of The World Baptist Alliance. The opening session will be planned by the Bahamian Baptist ... this will be a real Bahamian welcome.

Mrs. Letha Casazza is President. The theme is "Growing In the Love of Christ"

In Memoriam

Constituents of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. paused in humble submission to the will of Almighty God, at the passing of Mrs. Mamie Littlejohn last May 28th. She resided in Henderson, N.C.

God, alone, in His wise Providence, can give the lasting peace and comfort that grace brings to the wounded human soul.

Rules For Runaway Program Issued

By Carol Franklin

WASHINGTON (BP) — Does a runaway have any rights? He or she has voluntarily left home, taken to the streets, maybe even committed a crime. Does he or she have any rights?

Yes. Newly published regulations from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) carefully spell out a runaway youth's right to privacy.

The Runaway Youth Act, passed by Congress as part of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, provided for runaway houses to give temporary shelter to juveniles who had left home. It also provided for counseling services for youth and their families.

The purposes of establishing runaway houses include helping solve the problems that caused the youth to run away, reuniting the family if that is in the best interests of the youth, encouraging stable living conditions, and helping the youth decide on a future course of action.

The Runaway Youth Act authorizes \$10 million over a three-year period. Grants are available to nonprofit private agencies, states, and localities to develop local facilities to deal with the needs of runaway youth. Priority will be given to grants smaller than \$75,000 and to applicants with budgets smaller than \$100,000.

The Office of Youth Development with HEW's Office of Human Development has the responsibility for administering the Runaway Youth Act.

Proposed guidelines for implementing the law were published by HEW April 22, 1975. Final regulations, which reflect revisions of the original proposals, were published Dec. 13, 1976 in the Federal Register.

Significant changes in the proposed rules occurred in the area of client records. The earlier rules proposed that records be released only with the written consent of parents or legal guardians. According to the new rules, the youth must give written permission before his records can be released, even to parents or legal guardians.

Another change recognizes the right of youth to have a say in whether or not he participates in research or experimentation, other than routine testing or program evaluation. Consent must also be granted for medical, psychiatric or psychological treatment.

Adoption Center Director Says

Abortion Is Not The Answer

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Abortion is not the answer to problem pregnancies, a maternity and adoption center director told 1,600 Southern Baptist attending the Bold Mission Leadership Conference here.

Mary Dan Kuhnle, director of Sellers Home, New Orleans, called abortion "a nasty business, something real, not something you just read about in a newspaper."

"Every child born in Sellers could have been aborted. It is with courage and faith that a girl choose not to have an abortion and to carry that child, to carry that social stigma that still exists, to carry some of the non-acceptance from her church."

Currently 26 girls, mostly Southern Baptist, live at Sellers, Mrs. Kuhnle said.

The maternity and adoption center, operated by Southern Baptist through their Home

Mission Board, has a three-year list of couples waiting to adopt white babies, the director said.

In explaining the ministry through Sellers, Miss Kuhnle said she teaches the young girls that "capacity once acted upon calls for responsibility — once reproduction is under way they have a responsibility to plan for that child."

"Strong, healthy decisions can be made only when a girl is emotionally supported in an atmosphere of positive acceptance," the director explained. Miss Kuhnle was one of 12 home and foreign missionaries who addressed the church and associational WMU and Brotherhood leaders at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

The Bold Mission conference was sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.

In Dynamic Session

Lott Carey Portrays Unyielding Commitment

(Editor's Note: This article concerning the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is the fourth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptist of our State and elsewhere to become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptists, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the unified program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - State Missions; February and August - Central Orphanage; March and September - Shaw University; April and October - Foreign Missions; May and November - The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; and June and December - The Shaw Divinity School.)

Lott Carey Holds Fast

Louisville, Ky. — Paul, that great Apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote to his son - in - the - ministry, Timothy (2 Timothy 1:13) that he should: "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." Paul realized the importance of keeping the Christian doctrine pure and the urgency of getting the message to lost mankind everywhere. The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention has never lost sight of either of these vital directives in its efforts to carry Christ to foreign lands. The Convention draws its major motivating power from Acts 16:9, an account of the Apostle Paul's missionary journeys. It is the account of a vision that Paul had during his second missionary journey in the Asian City of Troas: "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, come over into Macedonia, and help us." (Acts 16:9).

Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, executive secretary, and other leaders of Lott Carey, have accepted this ancient "call" for help as a never-ending directive to the people of God to reach out their hands in missionary activity to peoples of every land and every generation. One of the outstanding features of the Convention is a group of supporters who contribute in excess of \$1,000 each year. These men that number well over 150 across the nation, are known as the "Magnificent Men of Troas". Any Baptist, who contributes through the Unified Program, in a very real sense is a "Man of Troas" because it is when the contributions of a local church reach at least \$1,000 for foreign missions that its pastor is admitted to the "Men of Troas"

ranks. Pastors and lay persons alike can become "Men or Women of Troas" by making a personal contribution to Lott Carey of \$1,000 or more. All contributions from North Carolina should be made through the Unified Program (see article about the Unified Program - this issue of the Baptist Informer.)

North Carolina Black Baptist are proud of their contribution to Lott Carey. North Carolina has not only contributed to Lott Carey in a financial way, but has furnished the major leadership for the Convention during the last quarter century. Yet the major emphasis is not upon the pride we have in what we have done, but Black North Carolina Baptists see Lott Carey as a continuing challenge to us to "hold fast the form of sound words which thou has heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." Lott Carey calls to each of us to continue to send the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in its purity, to the ends of the earth.

The Session of Unyielding Commitment

By S.R. Johnson

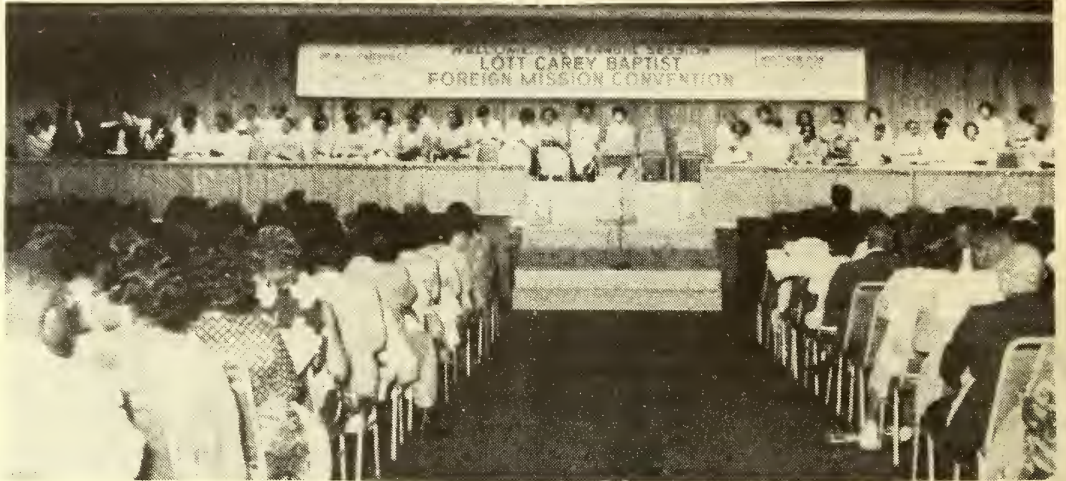
Louisville, Ky. — Dr. J.D. Bussey, Washington, D.C. was re-elected President of Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention in its 80th Session here at the Galt House, August 29 - September 2. Mrs. Vera Slade, Ahoskie, N.C., was returned as head of the Women's Auxiliary. Michel Felton, Winston, N.C., heads the Young People's Department. Floyd Bussey of Columbus, Ohio, was re-elected President of the Laymen's League. Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary - Treasurer of W.B.H. & F.M.C. of N.C., was re-elected Board Chairperson of the Women's Auxiliary.

The Convention agreed to meet at Greater Tulane Baptist Church, New Orleans, La. for its 81st Annual Session next year, the Reverend Andrew W. Gilmore, host pastor. This will be the first time Lott Carey will have met in the deep south.

Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) was reported by Executive Secretary, W.C. Somerville as the highest amount in the history of the Convention. Dr. Somerville, Dean of Black foreign mission secretaries, was returned as Executive Secretary.

"Appealing for new horizons and greater visions for missions," President Bussey asked for toleration and understanding of all people, including homosexuals, who are involved in Christian work. "They must be rescued in our missionary endeavors." "Our task is to challenge colonialism at home and abroad. Our sights must be lifted beyond petty differences".

The Convention, through the resolution committee, agreed to petition President Jimmy Carter and to: "Urge him to use his office to pursue a constructive effort to force Prime Minister John Vorster, of South Africa and Prime Minister Ian Smith of



Monday night's concert at the Lott Carey Convention.

Rhodesia to forthwith grant majority rule to Blacks."

Scholarships were made available to qualified South African students for missions studies in the United States, during the meeting.

A plaque was presented to Mrs. Jennie E. Hall, Washington, D.C., retiring editor of the Lott Carey Herald. The Reverend Leroy Fitts, Baltimore, Md., was appointed new editor of the Herald.

A plaque was presented to Mrs. M.A. Horne, for the outstanding service that the W.B.H. & F.M.C. of N.C. has rendered in building a library in Brewerville, W. Africa. More than thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) has been reported thus far.

Dr. L.J. Shipmon, Statistician for Lott Carey, Youngstown, Ohio, reported that more than 3,000 churches had contributed to the Convention, with One hundred and Ninety-nine (199) reporting more than \$1,000 each.

Dr. Thomas Kilgore, President, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Los Angeles, California, made a \$1,000 contribution to Lott Carey Scholarship program.

Reverend Howard Parker, Winston-Salem, N.C., spoke to the youth of the Convention

during the week.

Music for the week was directed by Mrs. Juanita David, N.Y., and Reverend L.A. Simon, Youngstown, Ohio.

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, former President, Shaw University, gave the feature address on Friday evening. Inspirational messages were delivered by the Reverends Willie J. Mason, Washington, D.C.; G.L. Bowick, Pittsburgh, Pa.; W.M. Freeman, Orange, N.J.; J.H. Good, Petersburg, Va.; B.L. Rich, Goldsboro, N.C. and W.T. Bigelow, Durham, N.C. Dr. Bigelow, Pastor of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church, is considered to be one of the truly great preachers of our time. His theme was: "Preaching At Its Best".

Mrs. Horne, Executive Secretary of the W.B.H. & F.M.C. of N.C., reported to the large congregation on the recent Safari to Africa. Tears were shed and Amens were frequently heard. Following the address, Dr. C.R. Mosley, Asheville, N.C., lifted the audience as he sang: "He touched Me".

Dr. C.H. Jordan, Portsmouth, Va., Chairman, Executive Board, approved an increase in the Convention's budget, which will exceed six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000). Mrs.

Louise Salter, Washington, D.C., new Director of Women's Work, reported an increase in contributions.

More than 3,500 messengers invaded Louisville during the five day meeting at New Zion Baptist Church where the Reverend A. Russell Awkard served as host pastor. Dr. Somerville and President Bussey were made honorary colonels in the Kentucky Militia by the Governor of the State, the honorable Julian Carroll.

Dr. Marcus Wood, Baltimore, Md., Director of the Annual Youth Seminar, a project of Lott Carey, reported that more than 600 youths participated in the Youth Seminar, held at Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C., this year.

Dr. Rose Butler Brown, noted author and a retired professor from N.C. Central University, Durham, N.C., directed a credit course in missions, which was the center of attraction during the session. Other instructors were Dr. E.A. Parham, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Nettie Gaither, McKeesport, Pa.; Dr. P.A. Brodie, Shaw University; and James Oliver, N.Y. Mrs. J.B. McLester, President of W.B.H. & F.M.C. of N.C., Durham, N.C. was Dean of instructors for the session.



Mrs. Juanita David, New York City, Director of the Convention musical at left, Dr. R.L. Taylor, Richmond, Va. and Mrs. Doris Robinson, Richmond, Va. get pointers from Executive Secretary W.C. Somerville, Washington, D.C. at Convention musical.



Dr. J. Ray Butler, Winston-Salem, N.C., Executive Board member and Dr. G.W. Campbell, Executive Board member, Richmond, Va., Board Chairman Dr. C.H. Jordan, Portsmouth, Va. and Dr. Emmett Green, Ann Harbor, Mi., prepare for constitution amendment before the board meeting of the Lott Carey Convention at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky.

Baptist Delegation

Visits Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

By Dr. E. Burns Turner
Louisville, Ky. — Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School led a delegation of 45 North Carolina Baptist on a visit to the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky while attending the 80th annual session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, U.S.A., meeting at the Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky, August 29th - September 2nd.

Previously arranged by Dr.

Turner, the group had a conference with Dr. Duke K. McCall, President of the Seminary and Dr. Wesley M. Pattillo, Vice President for Seminary Development. The Group toured the Seminary Library, the Lottie Moon Building, the Seminary Museum, the Administration Building and the Spraling Campus.

In the picture with Dr. Turner are: L. the tour guide who is a senior student at the seminary and Dr. Patillo, Vice President.



Sunday School-BTU Workshop

In an effort to upgrade the organization and operation of more meaningful and informative Sunday Schools and BTU's in the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, a series of workshops have been scheduled for the churches served by the Association. All churches in the Association are

encouraged to have representatives present. The sessions are open to any church desiring to participate. The most recent workshop was held at the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church, RFD Washington, N.C., Reverend C.B. Gray, pastor, September 24.

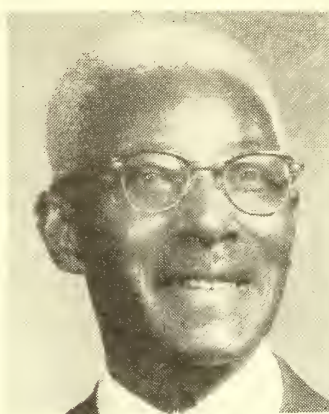
Funeral Services For Rev. W.S. Wilson

By R.B. Johnson

Washington — Funeral services for Reverend W.S. Wilson, well known pastor, fraternal and civic leader were held at the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church of Washington, N.C., Saturday, August 27, with the pastor, Reverend C.B. Gray officiating. Interment followed in the Brown Hill Cemetery, Greenville, N.C.

Reverend J.R. Person, Moderator of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association of which Reverend Wilson was the treasurer, delivered the Eulogy. Expressions were made by members of the area, fraternal orders, representatives from churches formerly pastored by the deceased, a representative from the General Baptist Convention and the community.

Reverend Wilson was Moderator of the Middle District



Union, which is made up of twenty-five churches, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Church of Pantego, N.C. and was Assistant Pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Falkland, N.C., at the time of his death; he was also serving as Treasurer of the Old Eastern Association. Other offices held by Reverend Wilson were:

Treasurer of the United District Convention, OEMBA; Secretary, LaGlory Lodge No. 4809; member, Executive Committee, Sunday School and BTU Convention; Past Master of Star of the East Lodge No. 4809; Past Patron, Susana Chapter No. 161 and formerly pastored St. James Temple, Tarboro. He was also a member of the East Lodge No. 233, Odd Fellow. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Myrtle R. Wilson of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Josephine Gatlin and Mrs. Clydia Mae Price of Greenville; one son, Mr. Jessie K. Price, Patterson, N.J.; four sisters, Mrs. Mattie Williams, Phil. Pa.; Mrs. Rebecca Wollard, Washington, N.C.; Mrs. Addie Harris and Mrs. Emma Fareman, both of Raleigh, N.C.; twenty grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends.

TV Awareness Workshop To Assess Attitudes

October 7-9

New York, September 13 — The Asheville N.C. — area will be the site for a regional Television Awareness Training (T-A-T) Workshop October 7 to 9 at which participants will gain more discerning and discretionary attitudes toward television as well as learn to assess the positive and negative ways it affects lives.

The Asheville T-A-T workshop one of eleven scheduled throughout the country this Fall, is being coordinated by Rev. Russell N. Burson, Jr., of the Skyland United Methodist Church, and will be conducted at the Blue Ridge Assembly YMCA Camp, Black Mountain, N.C.

T-A-T is a non-sectarian cooperative project designed by United Methodist Communications, Church of the Brethren, American Lutheran Church, and Media Action Research Center, Inc. (MARC).

Primary purpose of each workshop is to train accredited T-A-T leaders from church groups of all denominations,

community organizations, Parent-Teachers Associations, concerned consumers, and other interested individuals to be better familiar with television influences, to evaluate personal and family viewing habits, and to learn procedures for change.

Registration fee for the Carolina area T-A-T workshop is \$100, plus \$45 room and board for two nights and seven meals.

During the weekend workshop, participants also are interviewed by national T-A-T trainers for evaluation of their leadership skills to conduct courses in television awareness in their home areas.

When individuals gain accredited T-A-T status, they can conduct their own courses for groups to their local areas, utilizing resource materials provided by the national T-A-T office for a set lease fee. Local workshops then are modeled after other human development programs in which participants pay modest fees to the leaders.

The regional workshop consists of eight two-hour sessions

covering an overview of television, its influence on violence, stereotyping, advertising, children, human sexuality and the news, as well as strategies for changes. In each case, the emphasis is on values.

Some 50 minutes of actual programs and commercials are examined to determine whether problem-solving is encouraged through negotiation and cooperation or through violence and conflict, whether characters perpetuate stereotypes or foster caring relationships, and whether the focus is on consuming or conserving.

Persons interested in additional information and registration should contact Rev. Burson at Skyland United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 697, Hendersonville and Springside Rds., Skyland, N.C., 28776, telephone (704) 684-7283; or write to MARC, Suite 1370, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027, or call (212) 663-8900.

Liquor Expenditures Up \$1.3 Billion

WCTU President Reports To Membership

By Religious News Service
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (RNS) — Mrs. Margaret Gee, treasurer of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU), reported here that the U.S. drinking public paid \$26 billion last year for alcoholic beverages.

Citing statistics issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce, she noted that the increase in expenditures for liquor rose by \$1.35 billion over the 1975 figure.

"We hear people complain about increased taxes, the cost of gasoline, and inflation generally," Mrs. Gee said. "Yet, if every drinking person were to eliminate his or her expenditure for liquor, wine, and beer, think of the many ways in which such savings could be used, not to mention savings in doctor bills and the elimination of rehabilitation centers, increased costs to industry and the well-being of home life."

The WCTU officer pointed out that the 1976 figures breaks

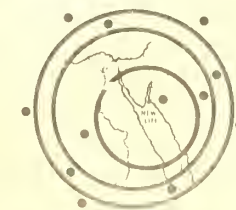
down to \$2.97 million spent every 24 hours for alcoholic beverages.

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Winter Retreat

By WAVERLY CAMP, JR.
The Laymen's League of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will sponsor a winter retreat for Laymen and Royal Ambassadors at the J.J. Johnson Assembly, November 25-27, 1977.

The purpose of this retreat is to bring together young men, boys and older gents, so that they can study together, learn from each other and worship God.

The retreat promises to be a treat for all. Bible study, prayer services, recreation and good eating are just a few of the highlights planned. The Laymen will also receive and study a new youth program that has been prepared for the Laymen's Convention.

Please write to Mr. Waverly

Camp, Jr. at Baptist Headquarters for registration blanks. Registration fee is \$12.00 per person and it must accompany the return forms to Baptist Headquarters by October 13, 1977.

Laymen and Royal Ambassadors should bring the following things with them:

1. Bibles, pencil and paper
2. Sheets, blankets, pillow cases, towels, face cloth and soap.

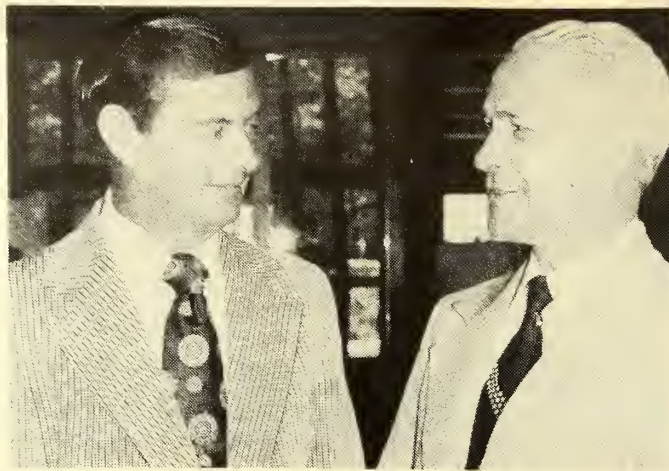
Arrival time is Friday, November 25, 1977 at 6:00 p.m. Departure will be Sunday morning after worship service.

Please write in and get your forms now and return as soon as possible. The camp, as you know, has limited space.

1. Remember \$12.00 per person.
2. Food will be furnished.

Evaluation and Planning meeting set for Oct. 22, 1977 at 10:00 a. m. at Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street.

Rev. Leo Williams



Roy Smith, Left, who will assume duties Oct. 1, as associate General Secretary for the Baptist State Convention, talks with General Secretary-Treasury Cecil A. Ray.

Smith Named

Associate Secretary For Baptist

Raleigh, N.C. (BP) — Roy J. Smith, 48, has been elected as the first associate general secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He will serve under Cecil Ray, the convention's chief administrator.

Smith, a North Carolina native, has directed the con-

vention's town and country missions-Seminary Extension department since 1967, and previously served as a Southern Baptist home missionary and before that as a pastor. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

October

Hymn Of The Month

By Laymen Secretary and State Music Director Mr. Waverly Camp

The hymn should be presented in the following manner: Places: (1) Church Worship Services, (2) Sunday Schools, (3) B.T.U., (4) Public meetings, etc.

A. Research and read the story of composer and hymn.

B. Have musician play through to familiarize the congregation with tune.

(1) Preludes, Offeratories, Interludes are good places to play the tune.

(2) Hymn Tune: St. Peters

C. Read words aloud.

D. Sing through the verses both choir and congregation.

Please keep these goals in mind when developing or using the "Hymn of Month" idea.

(1) It should create congregational participation, an art of worship.

(2) Develop a large supply of hymns to use as congregational singing.

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as songs and hymns relate to the Christian faith.

Hymn of Month
"O For A Faith That
Will Not Shrink"

Reverend William Hiley
Bathurst (1831)

Scriptural Text Luke 17:5-6

The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said,

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree,

'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.'"

This hymn will serve as a very good mediation hymn or invitational hymn. It list the situations in life that call for faith in God and His providence: enemies, sickness, poverty, times of stress and danger, and the difficulty of pursuing the narrow way to the end. The possession of such a faith gives one a foretaste of heaven.

I. O for a faith that will not shrink,

Tho' pressed by every foe,
That will not tremble on the brink

Of any earthly woe!

II. That will not murmur nor complain

Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Will lean upon its God

III. A faith that shines more bright and clear

When tempests rage without;
That when in danger knows no fear,

In darkness feels no doubt

IV. Lord, give me such a faith as this;

And then, whate'er may come,
I'll taste, e'en now, the hallowed bliss,

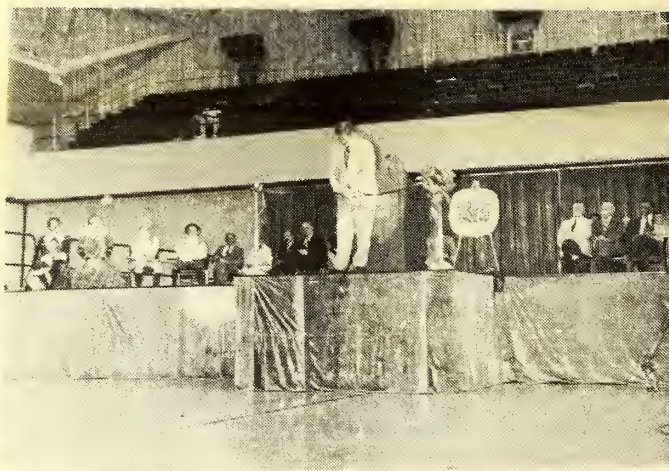
Of an eternal home.

AMEN

Love is the fulfilling of the law: it is grace, mercy, and justice.

-Mary Baker Eddy

Raleigh Civic Center Officially Opened



Raleigh Civic Center

RALEIGH — Standing in front of the Baptist Headquarters Building on S. Wilmington Street in Raleigh, one can see the newly constructed Civic Center which was officially opened Thursday, September 15, 1977.

The Photographs on this page show No. 1, the Civic Center as it is viewed from the front yard of the headquarters building. No. 2, The Civic Center Authority Chairman, Sherwood H. Smith, Jr. cutting the ribbon. No. 3, Dr. Charles Ward, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, giving the benediction.

This facility has a seating capacity of up to 4,000 and offers every necessary facility for conventions and conferences. Its nearness to Shaw and the Baptist Headquarters building makes it an ideal meeting place for Baptists.



Oct. 28 - 30

Sycamore Hill Hosts Fellowship Union

A fellowship union will be held at the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, N.C., Reverend B.B. Felder, Pastor, October 28-30. The Union

is being sponsored by the Middle District Union of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association and will get under way at 10:00

a.m. on the 28th with the Women's Department in session. The theme for the Union is: "Opportunity is Yours, Take It".

Sister Carrie Alexander will lead the discussion for the session. Reverend Rufus Bonds will deliver the sermon.

Profile Of The Craigs

The New General Baptist State Convention First Family

Raleigh — The easy going and unassuming mannerisms of Dr. Calvin Columbus Craig, II, would hardly distinguish him, to the casual observer, as the Executive officer of North Carolina Black Baptists' largest organization. He stands six feet tall, with a soft-spoken voice and eyes that radiate a feeling of being completely available to those whom he encounters. His lifestyle is one in which the feelings of others are always considered first, and he is most apologetic when necessity forces him to be attentive to his personal interest. Always radiating a Christian attitude, he is completely committed to the Lord's work. Dr. Craig is already well-known in religious circles through-out the State and Nation and promises to bring a powerful influence for truth to the office of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. He assumed command as Executive Secretary-Treasurer last September.

Dr. Craig resides in Raleigh, 2217 Sanderford Road, with his wife, Viola Little Craig and his son Calvin Columbus Craig, III. The Craigs have one daughter, Mrs. Deborah Moneate Craig Ray, who resides in Chapel Hill, N.C.

A native of Union County and a graduate of Shaw University Shaw Divinity School, Dr. Craig has done further study at

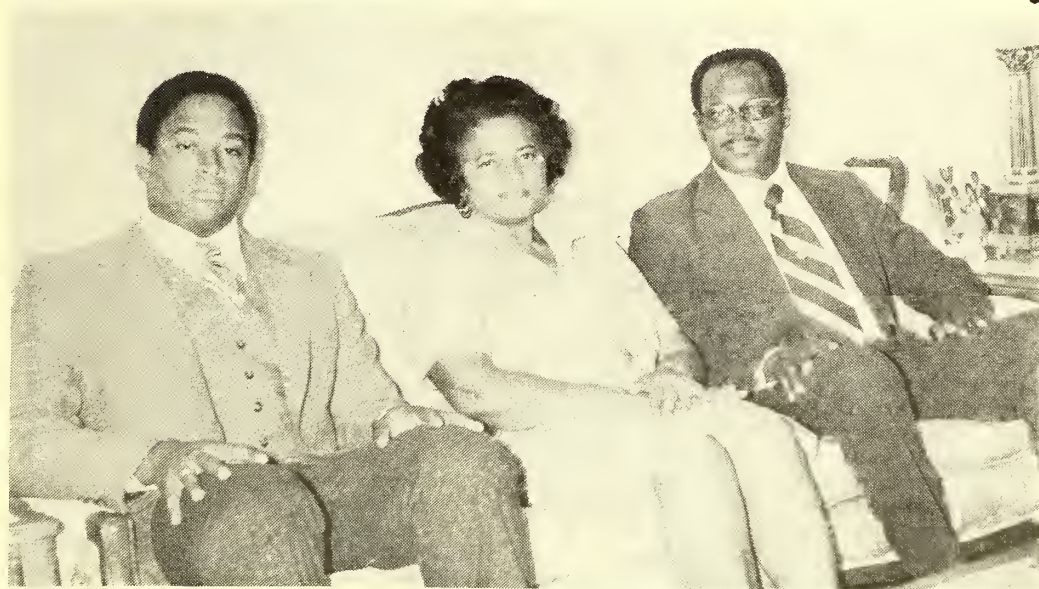
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., and holds the honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Friendship College, Rock Hill, S.C., and Shaw Divinity School (1974).

Mrs. Craig is a native of Wadesboro, N.C. and is a graduate of Barber-Scotia College, Concord, N.C. She is employed at the Fuquay-Varina High School in Fuquay-Varina, N.C. Mrs. Craig is also a fine home-maker and offers her husband the kind of support that enables a man to reach his full potential. Reflected in the personality of the children is evidence of the influence of a dedicated Christian mother. In addition to her employment in the school system, Viola Craig is an excellent cook, always ready to prepare a repass for the many unexpected guest that accompany Dr. Craig home in line with his work.

Their son, Calvin is a senior at Garner High School, Garner, N.C., and is a member of the football team. He has also internalized the quiet and unassuming mannerisms that his father possesses.

Mrs. Ray, their lovely daughter, is a graduate of the University N.C. at Chapel Hill, with a degree in Journalism. She is at present the Editor of "The Blue Bird", a magazine published by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance Company.

The Craigs have resided in



The Craig Family relaxes in the living room of their home. They understand the vital role that wholesome family life plays in building the church and nation.

Raleigh for 15 years, and located at their present residence in 1970. They have a lovely split-level home on a hill side overlooking the surrounding suburban community. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the home is the Sun deck leading from the master bedroom where the Craigs can spend a few quiet moments away from the busy-peopled-world of their work-a-day lives.

The rural influence is well ingrained into the life blood of Dr. Craig, and is evidenced by the productive garden that he

plants and tends each year on his back lot. He points with pride to the apple trees that he planted with his own hand and several other fruit and nut trees. His pride and joy seems to be his "lazy man's potato bed", which he has under a pine straw bed. "I'll get a good crop from them," he boasted, "all I do is put the potatoes in the bed and cover the whole thing with straw and let it grow."

The Craigs are confident that the Baptists of North Carolina will share their dreams of a bigger and better Convention,

joining with them in carrying out the marching order of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Names Woman To Post

RICHMOND (BP) — Marjorie Lee Bailey, the first woman ordained to the ministry by a Southern Baptist church in Virginia, has added another "first" to her ministerial calling. She has been appointed senior chaplain for the Virginia State Penitentiary.

According to George F. Ricketts, executive director of the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia, Inc., Miss Bailey is the nation's first female chaplain assigned to an adult male maximum security prison.

Chaplain Bailey, 54, who has served inmates of the Virginia Correctional Center for women in Goochland, Va., since 1966, will be assisted by another Southern Baptist, Russell A. Ford.

While the appointment is officially classified as "interim," Ricketts said, "Chaplain Bailey is excited about her appointment. We initially suggested a permanent appointment but Marjorie preferred an interim because she feels a strong

commitment to the ministry at Goochland (where she will still devote half her time). We expect the present appointment to be not less than six months and perhaps a year. we are interviewing now to provide her some help in Goochland."

She received the bachelor of science degree from Blue Mountain College, attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and has completed four quarters of clinical pastoral education in the Health Sciences Division at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Before assuming the work of chaplain she was a mission center director for Richmond Baptist Association and a Home Mission Board Baptist Center worker in New Orleans.

Progressive National Baptist Head

Dr. Thomas Kilgore Visits Tar Heel State

Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. was relaxing in North Carolina last August as he recovered from the stress and strain of the Annual Session of the Convention held in Atlanta, Ga. The President spent a few days in the suburban areas of Goldsboro, where his sister, Mrs. Russell Adams resides. He is a native of North Carolina and a former Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Dr. Kilgore is pastor of Second Baptist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., where he is doing an outstanding job.

"We have a great convention, and a growing convention", stated Dr. Kilgore. He went on to say that the dynamic and well-qualified men of the convention have a zeal for Christ. They are doing more for foreign mission and to improve conditions among blacks here at home.

The finance report of the Convention reveals that gifts to education were in excess of \$100,000 and that the total income for the Convention was in excess of \$850,000, with a prediction that this year it will reach the one million dollar mark.

One outstanding contribution noted by a former president of the Progressive National Baptist

Convention is a book recently published by Dr. Garner C. Taylor entitled: "How shall they Preach". The book is published by the Progressive Baptist Publishing House, Elgin, Ill. The hardback is \$7.50; paperback \$3.00. It contains the Lyman Becher Lectures at Yale Divinity School and five Lenten Sermons entitled: "The Road to Calvary". Taylor declares that: "to be able to hear what God is saying in the midst of a thorn in the flesh, and impart it to us humans, is the high calling of the preacher."



Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., President Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.



Chaplain Major Louis Pointer and his mother, Mrs. Rosetta Pointer.

Chaplaincy Career Rewarding

Brooklyn, N.Y. — Chaplain Major Louis Pointer was standing tall, looking good and speaking firmly for Jesus Christ and his church at the All Baptist Assembly last July 27. Chaplain Pointer was enroute from his former base of operation in Brooklyn, N.Y. to his new assignment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Making the Chaplaincy his life's work, Chaplain Pointer has been stationed in Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N.Y. for the last 6 years. Recently he has completed a graduate course of

study at Fort Wardsworth, Staten Island, N.Y. where he was enrolled in the Chaplain advance Career Course. He has received the Masters Degree in guidance and counseling.

Chaplain Pointer is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith and a 1958 graduate of Shaw Divinity School. He entered the Chaplaincy in 1967. His wife is Mrs. Florence B. Pointer, formerly of Fayetteville, N.C. They have six children. He is the son of Mrs. Rosetta Pointer of Virbilina, Va.

At Convocation

President Receives Standing Ovation

Raleigh - The one hundred and thirteenth year of academic activities was officially began at Shaw last Sept. 16, when five hundred and seventy-two Freshmen, along with faculty members, upper classmen, alumni and friends assembled in Spaulding Gymnasium to hear an address by Interim President Dr. John W. Fleming. The address, entitled: "Wanted: A Philosophy of Education" was truly a master piece, which drew a standing ovation from the inspired audience.

Dr. Fleming stated that at Shaw, education is viewed as "a process of nurturing in growth". "My concern is two-fold" he continued, "(1) emphasizing the importance of an adequate philosophy of education, and (2) stressing techniques and ways that will make for the implementation of that philosophy. Pointing out that students should avoid the negative approach when they choose a philosophy of education, he declared that: "at Shaw we do not deal with culturally deprived students. Our students are "culturally distinct". He warned them to also avoid apathy and the development of an inferiority complex. Declaring the negative approach to be undesirable, he offered the students the challenge of accepting a positive approach which is concerned with making a life rather than a living. This will include: (1) a great purpose (2) a program of a plan of action and (3) a passion or zeal which generates the enthusiasm that leads one to a total commitment to a purpose and a program. The address was concluded by telling the students that they should try to raise the standard of their thinking and appearance; that they should try to keep the campus clean and neat.

The address contained many humorous and picturesque illustrations, but it was the following verbatim illustration that brought the audience to a standing ovation.

"I close with an illustration used in another context by the President of Oakwood College. He told of Hannibal, the brilliant carthaginian general, who promised his father, Hamilcar, another great general, that he would carry on the struggle against the Roman invasion of North Africa. Hannibal decided that the best strategy was to carry the war to the Romans, to conduct an offensive battle against the Roman legions on their own terrain.

With many soldiers and a host of elephant to be used to break through the Roman lines, Hannibal crossed the Alps in the winter of 218 B.C. on his march to Rome. No other general would have tried that daring feat, and Hannibal lost many men and elephants in the cold and treacherous crossing. But he made it! In the valley, after the crossing, the great general regrouped his depleted forces and, pointing to the Eternal City ahead, said: "Yonder lies Rome.

Let us move on and take it."

I say to you today, cross the Alps of Negatives, so so-called "cultural deprivation," of apathy, and of inferiority complexes. But you can't build a philosophy of education by just overcoming negatives. Yonder lies Rome, the Rome of positive values. Yonder lies Rome, The Rome of a great purpose, of a high calling. Yonder lies Rome, the Rome of a plan and a program to achieve your purpose. Yonder lies Rome, the Rome of passion and zeal of commitment of a great cause. That Rome which lies ahead has been stated beautifully in another way by the poet, Henry Van Dyke:

"Four things a man must learn to do,

If he would make his calling true,

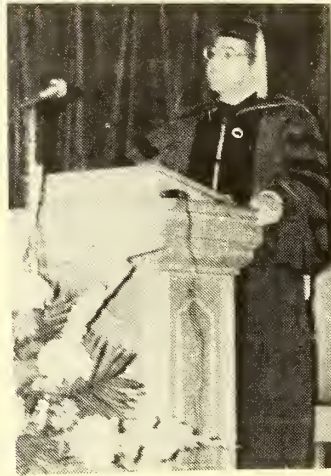
TO THINK without confusion clearly,

TO LOVE his fellowman sincerely,

TO ACT from honest motives purely,

TO TRUST in God and Heaven securely."

Yes, yonder lies Rome, the Rome of a worthy life. Let us move on and possess it."



Dr. John W. Fleming
Shaw Interim President

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Shaw Establishes Institute

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University, for over a century, has been dedicated to developing innovative and creative programs in response to the educational needs of the community and to society. In accordance with this tradition, Shaw has established, and received funding for an Interdisciplinary Inservice Training Institute in Special Education. The purpose of the Institute is to offer training for the regular classroom teacher to effectively teach exceptional children who are "mainstreamed" into the "normal" classroom.

In 1975, Congress passed Public Law 94-142 which "assures that all handicapped children will receive a free, appropriate public education to meet their unique and individual needs, in the least restrictive environment". This Institute will train the teacher in the methodology of carrying out this mandate.

Specific areas of exceptionality to be considered are: (1) the physically handicapped, (2) Speech Pathology and Audiology, (3) the educable mentally retarded, (4) children with learning disabilities and (5) the gifted and the talented.

The competencies to be developed at the Institute are (1) exploration, definition, and development of techniques by

teachers of curriculum adjustment and physical settings appropriate to "mainstreaming", (2) identification of characteristics of the general areas of exceptionality, (3) assessment of specific needs of exceptional children and development of expertise in prescribing specific training strategies, (4) surveyal of methods of evaluation on a clinical, diagnostic, and informal needs, and (5) evaluation of effectiveness in the application of diagnostic-prescriptive techniques, and mainstreaming.

Dr. Randolph Tobias, Chairman of the Division of Education at Shaw, the Director of the Institute, stated "our goal is to give to the community, society, and the faculty, staff, and students of the University, the latest developments in education". He added, "this Institute represents the latest methods in teaching, and is in keeping with the philosophy of staying up-to-date in our division".

In relation to the summer workshop just completed, Dr. Tobias noted that the Institute will continue into part-two during the academic year 1977-78 by conducting a conference in Special Education for regular classroom teachers who wish to become certified in Special Education. In addition, Shaw will offer courses for credit in teaching the physically handicapped and general special education. Plans are being made to include a course in Learning Disabilities.

The Institute is a three-part, three year program.

Judge Orders Duke To Retain Prof

By Religious News Service

DURHAM, N.C. (RNS) — A federal district judge has ordered United Methodist-related Duke University to retain a black educator as assistant professor of religion until his \$1.4 million discrimination suit against the university is settled.

Judge Eugene A. Gordon signed the order one day before the contract of Prof. Walter W. Burford was to have expired (Aug. 31).

In the order, he said the court had "serious questions" about "whether impermissible racial motivations underly the decision not to grant the plaintiff tenure or to renew his employment contract."

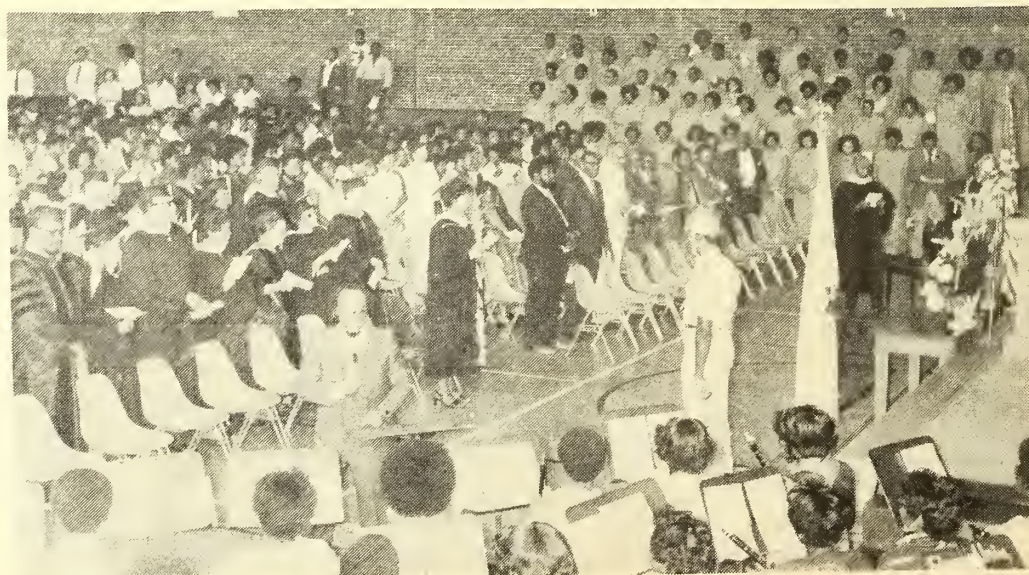
Prof. Burford had cited three examples of "negative racial remarks made against himself or other individuals being considered for faculty positions or tenure," Judge Gordon noted.

He said he had no opinion on the accuracy of the charges, but indicated that the allegation of racial considerations figuring in the decision of the university not to grant Prof. Burford tenure should be resolved by the court.

Thomas A. Loflin III, attorney for the plaintiff, estimated that it may be a year before Prof. Burford's suit is tried.



The academic procession ascends the steps at Spaulding Gymnasium as Shaw University begins its 113 academic year.



Students and faculty assemble for the Convocation of Shaw University's 113 year. There were 572 freshmen registered for the 1977-78 term.

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New Executive Secretary

Dreams A Great Destiny For G.B.S.C.

(The full text of Dr. C.C. Craig's initial address to G.B.S.C. Oct. 25, 1977 - Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.)

President Johnson, officers and members of the General Baptist State Convention, staff members of the Baptist Headquarters, friends and well wishers. Thank you for the support that I am sure you will give me as I seek to promote the plans and objectives of the Convention. We will "attempt great things for God" and "Expect great things from God."

The Executive Committee joins me in answering the question: What can our pastors and leaders do to help us meet the greatest financial challenge in the history of our convention, which is a budget in the amount of \$1,025,000. Our pastors and leaders can do one of three things:

1. Lead their church to give ten percent of its budget or an amount equal to ten percent, or
2. Lead their church to give an increase for our fiscal year 1977-78 of not less than fifteen percent over the amount that their church gave for the fiscal year

1976-77, or

3. Lead their church to accept a suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters for the fiscal year 1977-78.

We have on hand pamphlets to be distributed among pastors and churches in an effort to let them know what we are all about. We want our pastors and churches to know where we are going, how we are going to get there and how we propose to take them with us.

Permit me to share with you my "Dream and Destiny" for the General Baptist State Convention.

(A man was scheduled as the commencement speaker for a graduating class, but uncontrollable circumstances prevented him from being able to arrive on time for the address. So he sent a telegram to be read to the graduating class. It read: Regret, I cannot be with you, but dream great dreams, and strive to make your dreams come true.)

Today I want to take this opportunity to talk about "My Dream and Destiny for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina."

Dreams are subconscious

experiences that we understand very little about. Yet we know that the world moves forward, and all progress rides upon the shoulders of the dreams of dreamers who labor to make their dreams come true. In other words, real progress moves, not so much by the downbeat of the drummer, but by the appeals of the dreamer; not so much by the direction of the drum major, but by the direction of the dreamer who majors in making his dreams come true. So the telegram "Dream great dreams, and strive to make your dreams come true," was not only an adequate substitute for a commencement address, but is an appropriate challenge to all of us at all times. For there is always virtue in the dreams of dreamers who strive to make their dreams come true.

Since you had enough confidence in me to elect me as your Executive Secretary, I have some dreams that I feel are wrapped up in the destiny of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. I would like to share my dreams with you, and invite and urge your fullest cooperation and your greatest efforts to make

these dreams come true. I am convinced that with God's spirit to guide me, and God's Son to walk with me, and your prayers and cooperation to support me, we shall prevail.

I. My dream is to lead the Convention in its continued growth in service to humanity.

Our founding fathers laid a great foundation upon which we are challenged to continue to build to their honor and to the glory of God.

Dr. Sherrill, the retired Executive Secretary, has done a commendable job in giving dedicated leadership to the Convention for the past thirty years. He is often called "Mr. Baptist of North Carolina."

The growth of the Convention in recent years is not an accident. It is the result of a vision, hard work and sacrifices of such leaders as O.L. Sherrill, the retired Executive Secretary; J.W. White, C.R. Edwards, past presidents; J.J. Johnson, our present president, who is a leader among leaders, along with the vice president; Jerry Drayton, Chairman of the Executive Committee and its members; J. Ray Butler, Chairman of the General Board



Dr. C. C. Craig

and its members; T.A. Watkins, Chairman of the Trustee Board and its members; J.C. Harris, Chairman of the Personnel Committee and its members. Leaders of the auxiliaries: Woman's Convention - Mrs. Slade, Mrs. McLester, past presidents; Mrs. Turner, present president and Mrs. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary, leader who has risen above the ordinary and left her imprint on the Woman's Convention; Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress - Mr. E.M. Butler, past president; J.L. Lassiter and Jim Bellamy, presidents along with their vice presidents; Ushers Convention - Mr. Arthur Williams, past president; Mr. S.L. Fennell, present president and vice presidents; Laymen's League - Mr. Frank Marshall, past president; Mr. J.W. McQueen, president and vice presidents and a host of moderators and pastors, along with God's people who are called General Baptists of North Carolina.

Today, it has become my lot to join the leaders of our great Convention and its auxiliaries in bridging the gap between where we are and where we ought to be. It is said that the great room in the world is room for improvement. We are responsible to God not for what we are, but for what we can become. We are capable of becoming more than what we are.

Speaking of growth, our first concern is the corporate growth of the Convention itself. For above and beyond the 355,000 plus Baptists, and the 1,700 plus churches, we now claim, we are aware that there are still more Missionary Baptist Churches that are not missionary minded.

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G.B.S.C. Consecrates New Executive Secretary

Raleigh — In a special session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., convened at Raleigh's Martin Street Baptist Church, last October 25, Dr. C.C. Craig was consecrated and installed as the convention's new Executive Secretary. He succeeds Dr. O.L. Sherrill, who

recently retired after 30 years of service to the convention as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The session was marked with excitement from the opening moments until the last prayer was offered by the president, Dr. J.J. Johnson.

There was a spirit of unity and

optimism felt through out the day, but the climax came when Dr. Craig delivered his initial address as Executive Secretary. The address, entitled: "My Dream and Destiny For The General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc.," was a message of inspiration and hope, bringing tears to the eyes of many hearers. (See the full text of the message in this issue of the Baptist Informer).

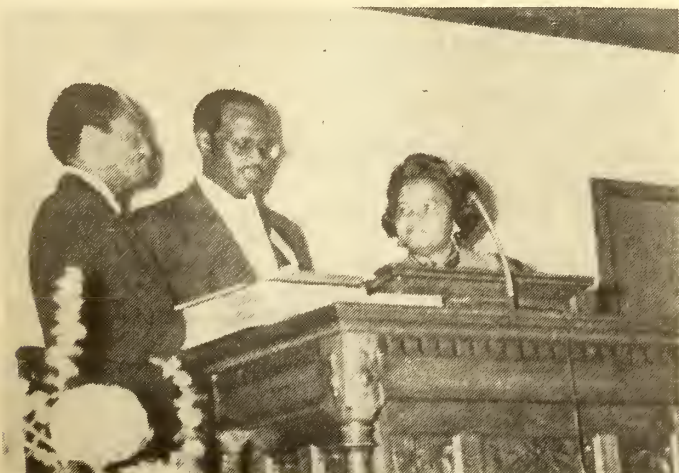
Highlights of the session included: 1. A report from Dr. O.L. Sherrill, stating that the convention had raised a total of \$943,475.50 for all causes and objectives during the fiscal year October 1, 1976 - September 31, 1977. This is about 500,000 short of the 1,000,000 goal set last year. He also delivered his final message to the body, comparing the convention team to that of a football team. He declared that the convention has a "good team and a good coach." "Jesus is the head coach," he stated. He declared that God said that he has made a 'touch down.' Dr.

Sherrill also presented a book which he has had published entitled: "Reflection and Projections on Thirty Years as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated. The price of the book is \$3.00. (Anyone who would like to purchase the book may write to the Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C.) Dr. Sherrill was presented a "Resolution of Appreciation by Dr. E.B. Turner and Dr. J.J. Johnson.

2. A challenging message entitled: "A minority report," (Numbers 13:1-2) was delivered by Reverend John Fuller, Fayetteville. His message challenged the G.B.S.C. to face its obstacles and problems with the kind of courage that Joshua and Caleb exercised during the conquest of Canaan.

3. The Shaw Divinity School students, under the direction of Dr. J.Z. Alexander, dean, presented a panel discussion:

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Dr. J. J. Johnson officiates in consecration of Dr. and Mrs. Craig.

Let The Prisoner Go Free

By Robert H. Wilson

Dallas, Texas — The Gospel of Luke reports that following His baptism, Jesus spent forty days "in the wilderness" fasting, and was then afterwards "tempted of the devil." When the temptation was ended, Jesus returned from the Jordan region to Galilee, and went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day in His native Nazareth.

His first sermon was preached there at home from a text recorded as the first verse of Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord God was upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Catching up a theme sounded by a mighty Prophet centuries before His birth at Bethlehem, Jesus flings to all unborn time that concern of the heart of God — "PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVE, AND THE OPENING OF THE PRISON TO THEM THAT ARE BOUND."

Of course, barred windows and inhumane treatment of incarcerated persons come readily to mind, but so many other dimensions are involved in "letting the prisoners go free!" To many other "prisoners" inflict inhumane treatment upon persons created in the image of

God other than by six cells and such torture as political prisoners often undergo. Indeed, both Isaiah and Jesus meant much more than release of persons from physical prisons. It is fair for me to say, parenthetically, that I am not by any means personally advocating the abolishing of all restraints for law-breakers today. Even a laymen to these professional sociologist who wrestle with such problems know that the society must be protected from some who either cannot or will not restrain themselves from anti-social behavior!

In a way that intrigued me, Alex Haley commented during a television talk-show recently upon this theme of "letting the prisoners go free!" Of course, you know who Alex Haley is; the black author catapulted to unprecedented fame by his monumental book "Roots" in which he traces his own lineage from the days of a young West African snatched from his home and brought in slave chains to America. Haley was not talking about taking the physical chains off of slaves, but rather about the so important contribution which he feels that he and others like him are making to black youth today.

He remarked, "We rescue them from the prison of hopelessness!" The conversation was about the im-

portance of role models for youth, and about the absence or severe limitation of such models for black youth in the past. Black youth had preachers, lawyers, and teachers to want to be like and later athletes and entertainers, and even more recently politicians; but beyond that very little else in the way of models was available to youth of color. Alex Haley said that some black youth had said to him very determinedly, "I am going to be a writer like you!" Black parents and leaders in the black community should recognize this need as a priority ranking with food and shelter; indeed, black youth need models other than pimps and traditional models if the prisons of a recycling welfare society are to break free. This, of course, is not to say that there haven't been any black writers in the past. It is to say that more are needed, whose talents demand their universal recognition and afford them the obvious enjoyment of the usual benefits awarded by our society to notable achievers.

"Let the prisoners go free!" In addition to all the other models now available to them, black youth need unlimited examples of people like themselves achieving top success with their color being no factor in that involvement nor hindrance to that realization. Preachers and teachers, yes; but also writers and corporation heads, and judges and governors, and senators, and scientists, and poets, and astronauts, and on and on and on to include whatever fields of human achievements which are honorable before man and God!

For too long in America black youth have been incarcerated in the "prisons of hopelessness." I join with Alex Haley in declaring that now we should "let the prisoners go free!" It is left to the mature black community to provide the needed role models for black youth.

Poetry Contest

A \$1000 grand prize will be awarded in the Poetry Competition sponsored by the World of Poetry, a monthly newsletter for poets.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 49 other cash or merchandise awards.

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Rules and official entry forms are available by writing to World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Dept. A, Sacramento, California 95817.

Mental Retardation

Sunday Nov. 4-6

Durham — Mental Retardation Sabbath - Sunday is one part of a voluntary, cooperative public awareness project, designed to help acquaint congregations and the general public with the presence of mentally retarded persons within their constituency, neighborhood, or community, and to

Coalition For Decency

By Rev. T. Marshall Collins

Raleigh — Backed by thousands of concerned North Carolina Citizens, the North Carolina Coalition for Decency secured petitions requesting the enactment of strong anti-pornography legislation during the 1977 State Legislative Session. Christians of all major denominations were heeded by lawmakers who overwhelmingly supported and enacted the legislation proposed simultaneously by Senator I. Beverly Lake, Jr. (D-Wake) and Representative Donald Beard (D-Cumberland). This law provides solid legal prohibitions against the pornography traffic in North Carolina.

The Raleigh-based statewide Coalition now sounds the alarm for those concerned citizens to

press for immediate enforcement of the laws. Principal responsibility for enforcement rests with District Attorneys.

The state purpose of the Coalition is "To provide a means for people to join together in a unified effort to fight pornography, prostitution, massage parlors, and other such 'sex-for-sale' ventures."

Chairman of the Coalition, the Reverend J. Malloy Owen of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Raleigh has stressed the importance of continued public pressure in seeing that the laws are enforced. Ministers of every major denomination are active in the Coalition. Honorary Chairmen of the Coalition are U.S. Senator Jesse Helms and Mr. Henderson Belk of Charlotte.

Shaw University Schedule Of Events

FOUNDER'S DAY — HOMECOMING

Friday, November 4, 1977

10:30 a.m. — Graveside Ceremony, Tupper Memorial Garden.

11:00 a.m. — 112th Founder's Day Convocation, Raleigh Civic Center, Speaker: Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

1:00 p.m. — Founder's Day Luncheon, Student Union Ballroom.

3:00 p.m. — Reunion Class

explore ways to provide more effective ministries to meet the needs of retarded children and adults, and their families.

The week-end of November 4-6 has been designated as Mental Retardation Sabbath-Sunday by a proclamation from Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. as the first Sabbath and Sunday of National Mental Retardation Month, is a weekend set aside to remember that retarded children and adults are people like you and me ... God's people.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Women's Page

By Executive
Secretary Horne
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FIELDWORKER?
QUALIFICATIONS OF FIELD
WORKERS

Phycial Health (Sound Mind,
South Health)
Personal Attractiveness
Above Average Intelligence
Superior Educational
Background and Experience
Clearly Defined Aim
Contagious Enthusiasm
Perseverance in the Face of
Discouragement
Ability to Learn and
Willingness to Share
Good Reputation and Integrity
of Character
Devotion to the Task and
Loyalty to the Cause
Willing to Prepare

1. PREPARATION — Is the
first step in your teaching
program (a) prayer (b) study
(c) application (d) living
2. Know your subject matter.
3. Know Your Convention
Program.

4. Teach the Woman's Con-
vention Program
Emphasize — A-1 DEPAR-
TMENTS (Requirements)

THE SIX (6) OBJECTIVES
OF YOUR WOMAN'S CON-
VENTION

State Mission, Baptist
Assembly, Foreign Mission,
Shaw University, Shaw Divinity,
Central Orphanage

LITERATURE AND HAN-
DBOOKS

The importance of using the
missionary helper the
missionary helper is not a study
book but a devotional guide.

YEAR-ROUND COM-
MITTEES

The State-Wide Leaders'
Workshop (April)

The Missionary Training
Conference (June)

The Youth Bible Camp (June-
July)

The Baptist Family Picnic

(July)

The Annual Session (July)
The Mid Year Session
(January)

A good field worker attends all
the above meetings set aside one
(1) night or afternoon for the
convention program.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
PERIOD

Emphasize one objective in
each institute.

Ask for an offering for ob-
jective.

Send offering to state office
with your report.

Enlist members for year
round committees.

Send name, address and zip
code to your state office.

Encourage financial support
Encourage sending quarterly
reports to office

An institute is a teaching
program

Do more teaching and less
testifying

An institute is a teaching
program and not a prayer
meeting

Contact your office before
accepting an institute.

Do not ask to conduct an in-
stitute. Let the local leader ask
you.

Do not expect your state office
to rush books to you on the bus.
This is time consuming. Teach
local people to do and act in
order.

Teach your class how to make
checks payable to the con-
vention.

All checks should be made
payable to WOMAN'S BAP-
TIST STATE CONVENTION

or
WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME
AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY
CONVENTION OF N.C. DO
NOT ABBREVIATE

—FINALLY—

Act like a leader
Look like a leader
Live like a leader

Sell your convention program

Department should send at least
two (2) representatives for a
week's study.

JUNE AND JULY
(Dates To Be Listed)
YOUTH BIBLE CAMP
—BAPTIST ASSEMBLY,
LAUREL HILL

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 1978
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BLY — LAUREL HILL

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YOUR WOMAN'S CON-
VENTION OBSERVES ITS 94th
ANNUAL SESSION — THE
CONVENTION CENTER
WINSTON-SALEM —

HEADQUARTERS: THE
HYATT HOUSE (For Seniors -
Young Adults - Youth) HOST
CHURCH: SHILOH — DR. J.
RAY BUTLER, HOST
MINISTER

AUGUST 28 -
SEPTEMBER 1, 1978
81st ANNUAL SESSION,
LOTT CAREY CONVENTION
— NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA — THE FAIR-
MONT HOTEL

SEPTEMBER 4-10, 1978
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Kneeling is W.B.H. & F.M.C., Executive Secretary Horne, dressed as Mary kneeling at the tomb of the Risen Lord. Other participants are: Madames Clara Ballentine, Raleigh; Marion Glenn, Johnson County; Nemetta Smith, Johnson County; Margaret Kerney Johnson County; Lillian S. Pittman, Rocky Mount; E.D. Alexander, Wilson; Burnell Stockhouse, Fairmont; Aggie Simpson, Maxwell; Leola Williams, Roxboro; Louanna Henegan, Laurinburg; and others.

N. C. Baptist Women

Active In National Convention

Miami Beach, Florida —
Whenever the Lord's work is
going on, North Carolina women
are always in the forefront. Thus
it was in Miami Beach, Florida
last September 5-11, when the
National Baptist Convention
U.S.A., Inc. held its 76th Annual

Session. Dr. J.H. Jackson is
president of the Convention, and
Dr. Mary O. Ross is president of
the woman's National Con-
vention, Auxiliary to the N.B.C.
The theme for the Woman's
Auxiliary was: "World Hunger
— Christian Women's Concern."

One of the main features of the
Convention was the portrayal of
the women of the Bible by the
messengers to the session. The
women on the photo on this page
were participants from North
Carolina.

From Your Executive Secretary

Dear Devoted co-Worker:

Time is swiftly passing - The
Lord is still blessing our work
through the dedicated sisters of
North Carolina.

We have given over \$40,000.00
on the Library in Brewerville W.
Africa. In order to have an ac-
credited School for our Children
on our Lott Carey Campus in
Africa - we must build a Library
for them to study.

Superintendent Jeremiah
Walker and Dr. W.C. Somerville
are most grateful. We have a
lovely plaque in our Office for
the job you did so well.

COMPLETION OF
LIBRARY

Would it not be wonderful for
North Carolina to complete the
Library? It will be named

+++THE NORTH
CAROLINA LIBRARY+++

To complete the building and
stock it with the proper books it
will cost approximately
\$60,000.00 more. WE CAN DO IT.
I BELIEVE — DO YOU?

We are asking each
Organization that gave in our
past Convention year to give
\$50.00 more than you did last
year. Those that did not give at
all-please give \$50.00 this year.

HOW TO REPORT
JANUARY IS STATE
MISSION MONTH. PLEASE
GIVE TO STATE MISSIONS —
WE NEED IT! Whatever you
vote to give on the Library bring
one half of it to the Mid-Year
Session January 14, 1978. Give the
other half by May 8, 1978.

MAY IS FOREIGN MISSION
MONTH. Please talk this over
with your Pastor. If he is the

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
HORNE RETIRES FROM
OFFICE BUT NOT FROM
SERVICE.

pastor of the Church-he is the
pastor of your department. Your
Young Adult and Youth
Departments should be invited
to share in this worthy Cause.

Every penny you give for
Foreign Mission will go for the
Library. Not only will your
organization get credit through
your State Office and the Lott
Carey Convention, but your
Church, and your Pastor will
receive credit and this will help
your pastor and church to reach
"TROAS."

Please Make All Checks
Payable To Your WOMAN'S
BAPTIST STATE CON-
VENTION. Remember All Other
Objectives. Do Not Rob Peter To
Pay Paul - Go The Extra Mile.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY
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SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL

From Your Executive
Secretary

TO: UNION PRESIDENTS,
AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS,
CHAIRPERSONS AND CO-
CHAIRPERSONS OR YEAR-
ROUND COMMITTEES AND
DISTRICT CONFERENCES
Dear Co-Worker:

A very very important
meeting for President of Unions,
Auxiliaries and Chairpersons
and Co-Chairpersons of Year-
Round Committees and District
Conferences will be held:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19,
1977
HOURS: - 9:00 A.M. - 1:30
P.M.

THE CAMPUS CHURCH
SHAW UNIVERSITY —
RALEIGH

This is a very important
meeting. You and your 'key

workers need to be present.
Please plan to attend and come
on time. We need you. Much
business and plans for our
Annual Session need to be
discussed. Africa is waiting on
us to complete its Library -
Bring a love gift for the Cause.

Thank you for your past
Cooperation, Interest and Love,
President Turner is ready to
work - Are You?

Devotedly yours,
Berthenia D. Horne
Your Executive Secretary-
Treasurer

BDH:
P.S. To: Chairpersons and Co-
Chairpersons of Year-Round
Committees — Please write and
bring to this meeting your letter
you wish to have sent to your
committee members.

Conducts 87th Annual Session

By Juanita Kornegay
Kinston — The 87th Annual
Session of the Bear Creek
Missionary Baptist Sunday
School Convention was recently
held with Banks' Chapel Sunday
School - Kinston, Reverend I.M.
Jordan is the pastor.

The theme was: "Christ
Makes House Calls". Crowning
of the queens was directed by
Sister W.B. Tyson, from St.
Delight, assisted by Sister
Elnora Grantham.

The queens were: Sister
Ruthie Waters, Greater Mt.
Zion, Kinston, \$50.00; Sister
Sandra Huctkins, Best Grove,
Goldsboro, \$137.76; Sister Glera
Harvey, Hooks Grove,
Pikesville, \$200.00; Sister
Melinda Williams, St. Delight,
Walstonburg, \$225.00.

Your Important Calendar

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST
HOME AND FOREIGN
MISSIONARY CONVENTION
OF N.C.

(PLEASE READ
AND RESERVE)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19,
1977

Union Presidents, Auxiliary
Presidents, Chairperson and Co-
Chairpersons of Year-Round
Committees and District Con-
ferences will meet at the SHAW
CAMPUS CHURCH — HOURS:
9:00 A.M. — 1:30 P.M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1977
A Saviour Is Born — Rejoice!
Rejoice! — Rejoice!

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1978

— STATE MISSION MONTH
MID-YEAR SESSION —
Raleigh Civic Center, Raleigh,
N.C., Wilmington Street, almost
opposite Baptist Headquarters.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1978

STATE-WIDE LEADERS'
WORKSHOP — For all persons
in the role of Leadership —
Raleigh Civic Center.

JUNE 5-9, 1978

THE MISSIONARY
LEADERSHIP TRAINING
CONFERENCE Baptist
Assembly, Laurel Hill, North
Carolina. Every Missionary

Baptist Assembly To Host Laymen

Laurel Hill — Laymen from all over the State of North Carolina will be converging on the Baptist Assembly the weekend of November 25-27, to participate

in the Laymen's first Annual Winter Retreat. This gathering will be a good example of the use that can be made of the Assembly. Until now, very little

use has been made of the Assembly during the winter months.

In Psalm 55:17, the Psalmist

exclaimed: "Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice." This is indication that the writer had experienced God as an all-season God; that is, he might call upon God at all times. Contrary to the belief of many, God is available to us anywhere and anytime. Yet there are those who believe that God can only be contacted on Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The mature Christian understands that "God is a very present help in the time of trouble. "They also learn to lean and depend on God, not just at certain times but at all times for all things.

During the retreat, there will be opportunity to participate in Bible Study and discussions related to vital Religious problems and issues. These discussion sessions will have to be held in the dining hall because the Chapel and Assembly Hall has not been completed. The work has begun on the Chapel but the building is not yet available for use. The Woman's Convention has been the main sponsor of the Assembly development, and lately reported that the Rowan Baptist Association has pledged to furnish the finance for completion of the Chapel. Plans are already underway to complete the facility in the near future.

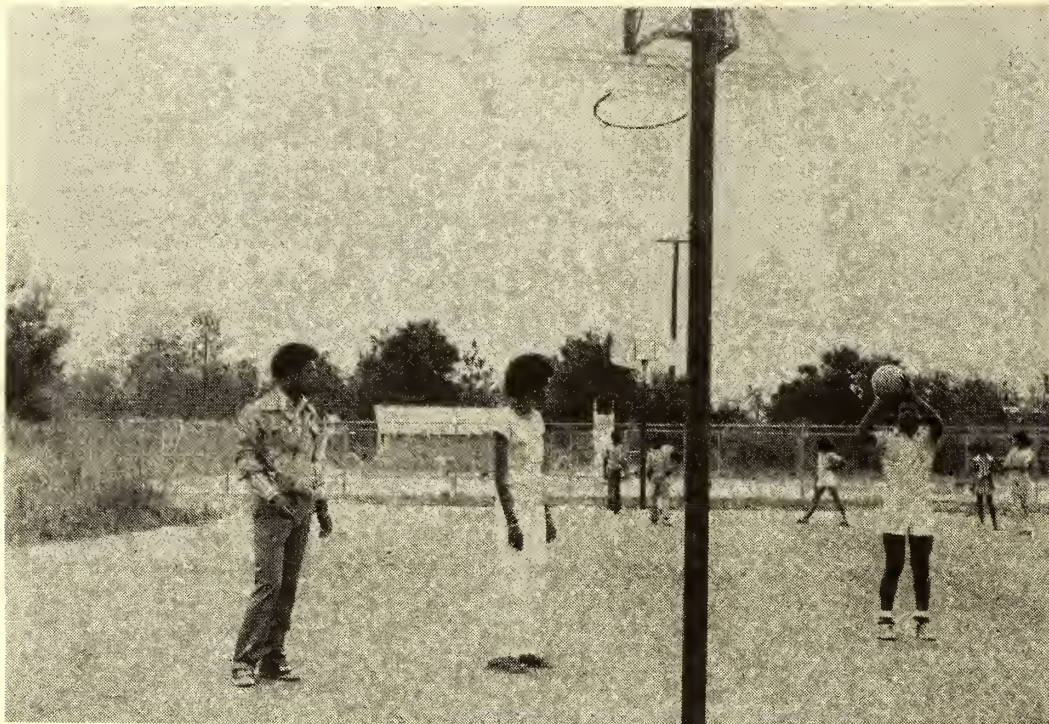
Mrs. M.A. Horne, who has spear-headed the effort, stated

recently that plans are being made to sponsor the Annual Youth Bible Camp next May. Contributions for the development of the Assembly are urgently needed.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning the Baptist Assembly is the fourth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptist of our State and elsewhere to become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptists, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "that objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the unified program.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July-State Missions; February and August - Central Orphanage; March and September - Shaw University; April and October-Foreign Missions; May and November - The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly; and June and December - The Shaw Divinity School.)



Young people enjoying the Assembly during the summer of 1977; Derrick Worley, First Baptist, Fayetteville, with ball; Jacqueline Newsome, New Ahoskie Baptist Church, Ahoskie; Kenneth Parks, Macedonia Baptist, Charlotte, who served as Camp Counselor.

White Rock To Dedicate Building

DURHAM — White Rock Baptist Church, 3400 Fayetteville Street, will dedicate its church building Sunday, October 23, 1977 at the 10:55 a.m. Worship. All choirs will lead the singing under the direction of Mr. John H. Gattis, Organist-Director of the Senior Choir. The Pastor, the Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, will deliver the sermon; Mr. W.A. Clement, the Occasion;

Mrs. Louise Jenkins, Litany; Dr. J.M. Schooler, Jr., Children's Talk; and Mrs. Mable Brown, the Scripture. The service will begin with a Pressional of all church officers and groups. Dr. Gilbert Simms Deer, Administrator of the Bureau of Socially Maladjusted Children, Chicago Public Schools, will speak that Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at a program sponsored by the Ushers of the congregation as a part of the church's 111 Anniversary Celebration. Dr. Derr is a native of Durham and grew up in White Rock Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Hillside, Hampton Institute, DePaul University, and the University of Sarasota. He is the recipient of many humanitarian and scholastic awards, and is the author of numerous publications.

The congregation was organized in 1866 and later moved to the 600 block of Fayetteville Street. This property was purchased by Urban Renewal in 1967, and the congregation worshipped and served in interim quarters until it occupied its present building in 1971. Mr. W.E. Jenkins of Greensboro was the architect and Mr. J.M. Dixon, Inc. was the contractor of the new building. The ground floor area was

completed (heating, cooling, plumbing, wiring, floor, ceiling, painting, and furniture) on a pay as you go basis since 1971. The congregation has let a paving contract (paving of parking lot and driveways) to Muirhead Construction of Durham, and the paving crew is working on the site at this time. That too will be a pay as you go project.

A cornerstone was laid on April 23, 1977 with the Doric Lodge No. 28, Dorcas Lodge No. 460, A.S. Hunter Lodge No. 825, and Shepard Memorial Lodge participating.

The church building has over 34,000 square feet of usable space and cost in excess of one million dollars. The church building is located on more than 6 acres of land. Its Moller Organ was rebuilt at Hagerston, Maryland by the Moller Manufacturing Company and reinstalled in the new church building during the summer of 1971. The building includes 15 classrooms, a music room, sacristy in which to prepare Holy Communion elements, dressing rooms, library, nursery, children-sized bath facilities, fellowship hall, kitchen, mechanical equipment room with several furnaces, lounge, and administrative offices. The entire building is equipped with heating and cooling. The pews are cushioned and earphones are installed in front rows of pews for the hard of hearing. The sanctuary seats approximately 1,300 without extra chairs (includes the balcony which seats 375 persons). The membership is over 1,300 persons. There are approximately 3 acres of land yet to be developed into a park-

playground area with facilities for baseball, football, basketball, and other community type sports.

The Rev. Lorenzo A. Lynch, the 14th Pastor of the congregation, came to serve the congregation September 1, 1965. The congregation had about \$90,000.00 in its Building Fund Treasury. A Tenth Anniversary Celebration was held in his honor in June 1976 at which time the congregation presented him with a Ventura Pontiac in appreciation for his services. The late Dr. Miles M. Fisher pastored the White Rock congregation from 1932 to January 1, 1965. During his administration the indebtedness from the 1911 renovation of the church building was paid up and a building fund for construction of a new building was initiated.

Easterling Elected

RALEIGH — William E. Easterling, Jr., M.D., Associate Dean, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, was elected President of the North Carolina Division, American Cancer Society, at their Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Crabtree Motor Inn today. Dr. Easterling succeeds J.E. McDowell, a Greensboro Insurance Executive, in this position.

Phillip J. Kirk, Jr., Vice President of United Care Management, Whiteville, North Carolina, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Other Division officers elected were First Vice President, Richard Hardin, M.D., Edenton;

For 35 Years Service

Mt. Vernon Honors F.O. Bass

High Point — Sunday, October 16, 1977, was a day never-to-be-forgotten by the F.O. Bass Family. It was the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of the Reverend Fredrick O. Bass, Sr. as pastor of the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, High Point, North Carolina. He was showered with gifts, warm words of praise, commendations, and approximately \$4,000 in contributions from members and friends.

The Mt. Vernon Church, caught in an urban renewal program, has recently completed a rebuilding — relocation program. They have burned the mortgage ahead of schedule,

demonstrating the strength and vitality of the congregation. Reverend Bass has been plagued with ill health for an extended period but has tenaciously carried on his ministry at the church.

He is married to Mrs. Marian Holmes Bass, a native of Goldsboro, N.C.; they have two sons. The Reverend Fredrick O. Bass, Jr., a student at I.T.C., Atlanta, Georgia, and Adrian, the younger son.

Reverend Bass said of the occasion: "For thirty-five years, the Lord has honored me to serve as pastor of one of the greatest churches, in my opinion. He has planted upon the earth. This is in no way intended to convey the idea that the church and pastor have not had their skirmishes because that would be the epitome of untruthfulness. Our salvation has been that both sides never lost their heads at the same time.

This celebration is especially significant to me since it was planned by leaders of the church without my knowledge before the plans were well on the way in the minds of its sponsors.

May God continue to bless you all is my earnest prayer."

The anniversary sermon was delivered by the Reverend G. Ray Coleman, pastor St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, High Point. We congratulate Reverend Bass, and pray earnestly that our God will spare him and heal the condition that threatens to cause the loss of his voice.



Congratulations to Dr. Sherrill By: L to R Dr. Turner, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Craig, Dr. Sherrill, Rev. J.W. White, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Butler, Dr. Harris, Dr. High.

Dreams A Great

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They are not consistently connected with the convention and its objectives. Often the names of these delinquent churches drop "in" and "out" of the district associational list of churches as recorded in the Convention's Annual Reports. Some churches names do not drop "out" because they have never dropped "in." We say as Jesus once said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring ... and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." John 10:16. My dream is to work with the pastors, moderators, churches of the associations local and district bodies that we all may be one in Christ. We shall strive to continue the Convention's growth in service to humanity. To lead the Convention in its continued work with pastors and congregations as "laborers together with God" to meet all human needs. Our aim shall be to find out where God is at work in human affairs, and join God in His efforts wherever it might be, whether religious, economic, social, political, or a combination of all of these and others. Our aim is to "go where the action is," and stay there until the human needs of body and soul have been adequately met.

II. My Dream and Destiny for the Convention are to lead the Convention in its continued growth in its approach to the stewardship of possessions.

There are vast resources of wealth in the hands of Christians that have not been brought under the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. Last year's receipts and those of the year before assure us that we have come a long way. But, as Joshua said to Israel, there is still much land to be possessed...We are able and well able to possess it.

Our dream is to lead the Convention to be a necessary instrument to help pastors and churches convey the message of truth that not only the tithe is the Lord's as Lev. 27:30 so clearly states, but also the tithe is the Lord's method of financing the Lord's work. Tithes and offerings were initiated by the Lord's servant Abraham about 2,000 years before Jesus was born. This method has not been substituted, it has not been

changed, and it has not been improved upon. Jesus said in Matthew 23:23 (From the living Bible) "Woe upon you Pharisees and you other religious leaders — hypocrites: For you tithe down to the last mint leaf in the garden, but ignore the important things, justice, mercy and faith, yes you should tithe, but you shouldn't leave the more important thing undone." Our goal shall be to make our entire staff available and others we may be able to recruit on the field to make these basic Biblical truths become alive among Baptists of North Carolina.

I am asking the Convention to support five part time Regional field workers, who will serve under the direction of the Executive Secretary to assist in the following responsibilities:

1. Work with moderators of Associations, presidents of District Sunday School and BTU Conventions, and district leaders in planning regional workshops which will be conducted by the staff members of the General Baptist State Convention.

2. Assist the staff in inspiring pastors and churches to increase their giving to missions and Christian Education, with special emphasis given to pastors and churches who give little or no support.

3. Assist the churches in planning and conducting training institutes.

My dream is to use whatever resources that are at the disposal of the Convention to aid in producing tithing members who will give one-tenth of their income to their church, and also produce tithing churches who will give one-tenth of the church's income to missions and Christian Education through the Unified Program of the General Baptist State Convention.

We have a few churches who have made commitments already to give a tenth of their church's income to missions and Christian Education. I sincerely believe that my dream of members tithing through the churches and the churches tithing through the Convention is also God's dream. I, also believe that this dream can become a reality when the Baptist leadership and Baptist fellowship across this state unite as "laborers together with God"

to make this dream come true.

When this dream comes true, our financial problems will be over and our energies can then be diverted to more important problems. For there will always be sufficient "meat" or material resources in the Lord's house at home; and the Lord's house at the Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh, to do the Lord's work though the Lord's world. We must never forget that the work of the Convention is the Lord's work. We have been called out, to do the work of him who sent us, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.

III. I have another dream and destiny, though somewhat personal, but it is still tied in with the destiny and the dreams of the Convention. My destiny is to work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day. For I am convicted and convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Lord has sent me into his vineyard with a dream and a destiny to (1) lead the Convention in its continued growth in its service to humanity, (2) lead the Convention in its continued growth to the ultimate goal of tithing members and tithing churches and (3) do the work of him who sent me.

I remember that the Bible tells me that Jesus, having received the confirmation of his Father; this is my beloved Son..., and having received the presence of the Holy Spirit in the bodily shape of a dove at his Baptism; and after having overcome the

"The Roll of the Black as: 1. Teacher, Mrs. Latlie B. Kee 2. Preacher, James Mack Moore, Fayetteville 3. Community leader - Horace McClain, Raleigh 4. Administrator Kenneth Hammonds, Greenville. Thomas L. Walker, Rocky Mount was coordinator.

4. President Johnson proposed the organization of a State Ministers' Union; the purpose

temptations of the devil in the wilderness, went into the synagogue and announced God's destiny for his life. He stood up and said to the church, the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, the Lord has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, to give sight to the blind and to set at liberty them that are bruised and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Jesus also said, I must do the work of him who sent me while it is day, for the night is coming, when the night comes, no man can work.

To do the will of God, there are three things you must know: (1) you must know that you belong to God, (2) you must know that God has sent you, and (3) you must know that God is with you. I am satisfied that the Lord has saved me, that the Lord has laid his hand on me. I am satisfied that the Lord is with me.

Someone said to me sometime ago, don't you get tired traveling across the State? My reply was yes. Don't you get lonesome being away from home? My reply was, yes. Yes, I get tired and lonesome, but I remember some years ago, when the Lord blessed me and saved me, I said, Lord, I'll go where you want me to go, etc. Since that day, I have had dark nights of despair, etc., but there is a man in my life who doesn't slumber nor sleep He is able!

The hymn writer tells us:

"Be not dismayed whatever betide, God will take care of you;

Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, Through every day, O'er all the way,

He will take care of you, God will take care of you."

being to secure greater protection, defense, and the common welfare of all ordained ministers in the State. It will be concerned with religious, civic, social, and economic benefits for ministers.

Several ministers were appointed to prepare some guidelines for the group organization. Some of those appointed were: Reverend R.T. Gilchrist, Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin, Dr. C.R. Edwards, Dr. J.B. Humphry, Dr. James E. Arnette, Reverend Charles Bullock, and Dr. W.B. Lewis.

5. The following resolutions were adapted: 1. That the Treasurer co-sign all checks with the Executive Secretary. 2. That Dr. Paul Johnson become the Treasurer. 3. That 10 percent of the 30 percent contributed for State Mission to be retained in a savings account.

6. Dr. John W. Fleming, Shaw interim president, made a strong appeal for financial aid for Shaw and declared that religious activity at Shaw is at an all-time high.

Dr. Craig was consecrated and installed in a very impressive ceremony carried out by the president and Dr. Hedgley of Winston-Salem.

8. Dr. H.L. Mitchell was appointed chairman of a committee on ministry to the aged.

9. A total of \$19,700.34 was reported for the session.

10. The session was delighted by a message entitled: "Christian Roots," delivered by Dr. W.A. Johnson, president of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention. Preaching from Jeremiah 1:4-7, he declared that God has a purpose for every soul that He created. These souls are restless until they discover that purpose.

The new Executive Secretary has printed a small pamphlet entitled: "People Called General Baptist — Who Are They?" It gives an outline of the major goals, objectives, and the structure of the convention program. All pastors and leaders have been urged to secure this pamphlet, so that they may learn the direction in which the new executive would have the convention go.



After Consecration: Drs. Johnson, Craig, Mrs. Craig, Drs. Hedgley, Turner, and Sherrill.

Holds 112th Annual Session

The 112th Annual Session of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association convened at the Phillippi Baptist Church of Simpson, September 29-October 2, with the Moderator, Reverend J.R. Person presiding. The Association opened on Thursday morning with the Woman's Department under the leadership of President Marzella Cain and featured a sermon by Reverend S. Jones, the President's Annual message, Reports, Echoes from the field and a Eulogistic service. President Cain reports that the Women's session was the most productive session ever held by the Department. Dr. W.C. Somerville highlighted Friday morning's session. On Friday afternoon, Reverend W.C. Horton discussed the theme: "Ministering Unto the Least Of These", in a very dynamic address. On Saturday, Reverend J.R. Person was unanimously re-elected to the post of Moderator for the eighth successive time; The election was presided over by Dr. O.B.J. Burson, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Inc., Brooklyn, N.Y. Other officers elected were: Reverend N.K. Dunn, Vice-Moderator; Reverend J.B. Crandol, Secretary; Reverend R.A. Morris, Assistant Secretary; Reverend J.H. Jyman, Treasurer; Reverend J.H. Taylor, III, Auditor; and Reverend O.J. Rooks, Historian. Following the election Dr. Burson congratulated the Association on the work it was doing and reminded the audience of the rich heritage of the Association and of the many



Reverend J.R. Person, Pastor of St. John of Falkland and Craven Corner Baptist Churches, was elected to serve as Moderator of the Old Eastern Association for the eighth (8th) time at the 112th Annual Session.

outstanding ministers in the State and Nation who launched their ministerial careers in the Old Eastern. Dr. Burson delivered a dynamic sermon following his remarks from the theme: "You Are Welcome to My Party". The message dealt with the return of the prodigal Son; it was well received. Moderator Person made his Annual report to the Association and reported that the Association's support of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's Program had increased from \$8,000.00 in 1970 to more than \$22,000.00 in 1977. A number of the Churches in the Association,



Officers of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association and its Auxiliaries that were elected at the 112th Annual Session to lead the Association during the year 1977-78.

Church In Griffin, Georgia Calls Rev. Cleopatrik Lacy

Griffin, Georgia — The Mount Zion Baptist Church of Griffin, Georgia has called the Rev. Cleopatrik Lacy as its pastor.

Rev. Lacy succeeds the Rev. O.H. Stinson who served as pastor of the church for 33 years until his death in January.

Rev. Lacy, the co-pastor of the Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, Texas began his tenure Sunday, September 18th.

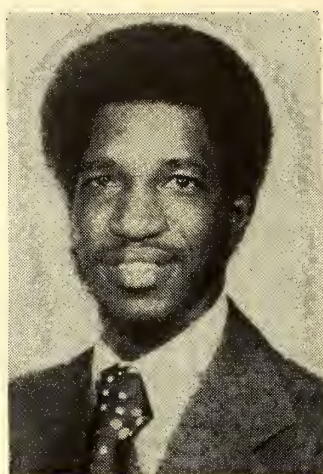
Lacy is a native of Bladenboro, North Carolina where he started his ministry in 1967 at the First Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. A.C. Jones, who is Lacy's pastor and "Father in the Ministry." Lacy's parents, Benjamin and Annie R. Lacy, reside in Bladenboro.

The Mount Zion pastor is a 1972 graduate of Shaw University where he received the B.A. degree in philosophy and religion. He holds a master of divinity degree from the interdenominational theological

center in Atlanta, Georgia. which includes 66 churches, are contributing monthly to the Unified Program. The moderator also reported that although the Association is comprised primarily of rural churches, the association ranks third in the State Relative to support of the convention's program. According to Moderator Person, this year's association was one of the most productive and best attended session held in recent years. Dr. Sherrill and Dr. Bryant of the Central Orphanage, Oxford, N.C. spoke to the Association on Saturday afternoon following the Youth Hour.

Association Ordains Four

The Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association ordained four ministers into the Association during its 112th Annual Session held at Phillippi Baptist Church on Saturday evening. Reverend Jesse Williams, Moderator of the Western District Union of the Association delivered the Ordination Sermon. Ministers ordained were: Reverend Farney Moore, Reverend William E. Sinclair, Reverend Willie Langley and Reverend Walter Atkins, Jr.



Rev. Lacy

center in Atlanta, Georgia.

While in Atlanta, Rev. Lacy served as the interim pastor of the Ben Hill Presbyterian Church and worked with the Friendship Baptist Church. Rev. Lacy is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the National Conference of Black Churchmen. In 1974 he was a recipient of the outstanding young men of America award. That same year he was a guest

at the third assembly of all Africa conference of churches which was held in Africa.

Rev. Lacy has spent the past 2 years as co-pastor of the inner-city church in Houston which has a complex system of Christian education, character building, and social service programs. He was the primary coordinator of programs at the church and is credited with a brilliant record of improving existing programs and the creation of new ones.

Active in civic affairs, Rev. Lacy serves on several boards and committees in the Houston area. He was president of the student body of the interdenominational theological center and was a member of the board of editors of the journal for that institution.

Rev. Lacy, 27, is married to the former Portia Hewlett of Richmond, Va. Mrs. Lacy is theologically trained and holds a master of religious education degree from the interdenominational center in Atlanta, Georgia.

They have a daughter, Patrice Nicole. The Lacys will be residing in the Mount Zion I Church parsonage.

Nigerian VIP Visits Shaw

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University and its International Studies Program hosted Chief Joseph Sarwvan Tarka of Nigeria, Friday, October 14, 1977.

Chief Tarka is a chieftain of the Tiv tribal nation of about 4 million Nigerians and is President of Jayes Holdings International, Ltd. in Lagos, Nigeria with offices in London, Brussels, Paris, New York and San Antonio, Texas.

Chief Tarka, in an address to students, faculty, and staff, said

that Nigeria and the United States must share their resources. "Nigeria needs America's technical know-how, and America's in desperate need of Nigerian raw materials", said Tarka. Tarka also advised students with technological skills to "take your skills to Africa".

Chief Tarka, who hinted that crude oil reserves in Nigeria might well equal or surpass the whole of the Middle East combined, said Nigeria is getting some technological assistance from Shell Oil Company, and that there are oil companies now drilling for oil in Nigeria.

Tarka also noted that Nigeria hopes to build a diversified economy, not one dependent upon one source, and that his country "has no intention of becoming subservient to America."

At a Shaw University Luncheon in his honor, Chief Tarka was presented with a key to the city by Mayor Jyles J. Coggins. Shaw Interim President John W. Fleming also presented Chief Tarka with a copy of "Shaw's Universe", authored by Shaw VP Wilmoth Carter, and a Resolution of Appreciation from the University.

Chief Tarka's visit to Raleigh was two-fold, both "goodwill and business". He returned to New York on Friday night. He has been in this country since October 6, 1977.

Indicted In Bomb Slayings At Church

By Religious News Service (9-27-77)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (RNS) — A 73-year-old Birmingham man was indicted here on four counts of first-degree murder in connection with a 1963 church bombing that killed four young black girls, Jefferson County authorities announced.

Robert Edward Chambliss, a retired auto parts worker, offered no resistance as he was arrested by Jefferson County sheriff's deputies.

A special grand jury is investigating some 40 seemingly racially motivated bombings, most of which occurred in the 1960s. The investigations began shortly after Alabama Attorney

General Bill Baxley took office in 1971.

The bomb blast that killed four young girls on Sept. 15, 1963, at the 16th Street Baptist Church touched off nationwide outrage and calls from civil rights and religious leaders for an end to racial violence.

President John F. Kennedy praised the black leadership of Birmingham for "counseling restraint" to enraged citizens. He said "the principles of self-control are least appealing when most needed."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in delivering the eulogy for the four dead girls, said, "Good still has a way of growing out of evil. The blood of these girls must serve as a revitalizing force to bring

light to this dark city."

The four children who died in the blast were Carol Robertson, 14; Carol Denise McNair, 11; Addie Mae Collins, 14, and Cynthia Diane Wesley, 14. Twenty other people were injured in the blast.

The girls had left Sunday school where they had been asked to memorize the passage: "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." (Matt. 5:44).

When Chambliss was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury in August, he accosted a black cameraman from WAPI-TV for trying to film him.

In the 1940s Chambliss was "chastised" by former Mayor Cooper Green for attempting to intimidate a black man who was preparing to move into an all-white neighborhood. Ironically, Mr. Chambliss now lives in a predominantly black neighborhood.

Shortly thereafter, Chambliss was fired from his job at the municipal garage for allegedly breaking a reporter's camera at a Ku Klux Klan rally near Warrior, Ala. In 1963, he was one of three men arrested for illegally possessing dynamite shortly after the bombing of the 16th Street Church. He was convicted of the misdemeanor in city court, but the verdict was overturned in circuit court.

N.C. Religious Leaders Honored By Governor

Raleigh — Religious Leaders were told that: "the average church is operating on 2 cylinders out of 8," by Governor Jim Hunt, last September 28th, during a luncheon at the Executive Mansion. The luncheon was held in honor of religious leaders of all denominations, invited to attend by special invitation. The Governor emphasized the importance of the vital role played by the religious institutions in our society. He was full of praise for the leaders, but pointed out that they can do an even better job of helping people direct their energies towards meeting the many human need in our society.

The luncheon was held under the auspices of the Office of Citizen's Affairs, headed by Dr. Sandra Thomas. Emphasis through out the meeting were directed towards the establishment of volunteer Action Centers.

The Governor pointed out areas of concern and need, stating that one of the first obstacles to overcome is the unfavorable attitude toward the volunteer Action Centers. This is vital because there are so many human needs that are not being met. He suggested that churches adopt a school or a person and devise ways and means of

meeting their needs. "There is nothing like having personal contact with the needs and problems," he declared. Personally, the governor donates one hour each Monday to a school child with a special problem or need.

It is the Governor's belief that the solution to the problems and needs in our society is to begin at the grass roots and work up. Pointing out that many people have assumed an attitude that nothing can be done about our needs and problems. He hastened on to say that we have fantastic resources with which to meet these needs. Yet Government alone cannot respond to the needs and it would be wrong to do it by Government alone. His understanding is that people with talent and ability far outweigh the needs; but the two have to be brought together. They must be taught to give some of themselves. Giving some of ourselves, he challenged, is just as important as tithes and taxes.

An ardent church worker and serious Christian, the Governor believes that the church is in the best position to do something about the problems that plague our society. "We are not good servants or religious leaders unless we are concerned beyond our own walls," he challenged.



Left to Right Dr. Coy Privette, President of the Baptist State Convention; Dr. Cecil Ray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention; Governor James B. Hunt; Dr. J.J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention; and Dr. O.L. Sherrill, retired Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. The photo was taken in the front hall of the Governor's Mansion.

Turning to facts, Governor Hunt, said that 80 percent of the people in the U.S. feel alienated from Government due to the behavior and misconduct of Government leaders. Here is where the religious leader can meet a vital need by helping to create a positive attitude among the people. It has to begin at the

grass roots, on the local level. Religious leaders can help by getting all citizens vitally involved in the kind of activity that will help our society be the kind of society it ought to be.

We have a great State, he said, and by 1982 it is predicted that N.C. will be the 10th largest State. Therefore, we can have

another congressman. The main thrust of the luncheon aimed at gaining support for the Governor's Citizen Affair Program, and the Volunteer Action Centers. It was stated that there are ten Volunteer Action Centers in action in the State. The Governor's goal is to have one in all 100 counties.

Good News North Carolina

RALEIGH — GOOD NEWS NORTH CAROLINA, a statewide celebration of the Bible is now being launched as a three month program which will culminate on Good News Sunday, November 20, 1977. This unique effort will involve churches of many denominations across North Carolina.

At a recent meeting here, the GOOD NEWS NORTH CAROLINA Steering Com-

mittee, which includes representatives from all the judicatories participating, finalized plans for this campaign. The highlight of the meeting was the unveiling of a painting which will serve as the major artwork for the campaign. The painting, which was commissioned by the Steering Committee and funded by the American Bible Society, includes drawings of persons of

many ages and various walks of life using the Bible in their daily lives. The painting will be reproduced on 10,000 posters and 1 million bulletin inserts which will be sent to churches across North Carolina.

Churches will also be receiving packets from their judicatory office which will include information and planning aids to help them plan and carry out a celebration of the Bible on November 20. This day has been named "Good News Bible Sunday" by these judicatories.

A major thrust of the program is an extensive media campaign which includes billboards, radio and television spot announcements and newspaper advertising. Plans also include an exposition of Bibles and rare manuscripts at the Perkins Library at Duke University.

At the meeting here it was announced that Governor James B. Hunt has agreed to serve as honorary chairperson of GOOD NEWS NORTH CAROLINA.

The purposes of this campaign, according to the Rev. Terry Agner, Salisbury, Chairperson of the Committee, are to involve churches across North Carolina in a celebration of the Bible; to promote awareness and appreciation for the Good News Bible, the latest English translation; and to encourage the distribution of scriptures.

One of the focuses of the campaign is local ecumenical planning groups. Thirty-six such groups are now being organized across North Carolina. They will plan for celebrations of the Bible at the local or county level.

Those judicatories participating in GOOD NEWS

NORTH CAROLINA are: Western North Carolina Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; North Carolina State Convention, General Baptist Church; North Carolina State Convention, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in North Carolina; Diocese of North Carolina and Diocese of Western North Carolina, Episcopal Church; North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Church in America; Southern Province, Moravian Church in America; Synod of North Carolina, Presbyterian Church, U.S.; Diocese of Raleigh, Roman Catholic Church; Salvation Army; Baptist State Convention, Southern Baptist Church; Southern Conference, United Church of Christ; North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church; Synod of the Piedmont, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

ROTC Inducts 19 Shaw Students

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The Department of Military Science, under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel William H. McGlockton, held induction ceremonies for 19 Shaw students, Thursday, October 6, 1977.

These Shaw Juniors were inducted into the ROTC Advance Program. The ROTC Advance Program is essentially the big step for the cadets, signalling what is tantamount to their completion of Basic Military Training and making them officially members of the U.S. Army Reserves. Captain Raymond A. Heath, Jr., Assistant Professor of Military Science, administered the oath to the cadets.

Upon being inducted into the ROTC Advance Program, the cadets are issued complete uniforms and begin to receive a monthly subsistence allowance

of \$100.00. It is the big step on their road to becoming commissioned officers (2nd Lts.) in the regular U.S. Army, upon graduation.

In addition to the 19 cadets inducted during the ceremonies, six additional Shaw cadets were presented academic awards by Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw. They were: Halbert Fagin, Rayviell Moore, Jerome Johnson, Cleon Raynor, Patricia Goddard and Ronald Holder.

The cadets inducted into the ROTC Advance Program were: Alfred Anderson, Alvin Brown, Michael Darby, Marvin Doe, Hinton Fairley, Patricia Goddard, Hurley Hailey, Keith Hale, Ronald Holder, Jerome Johnson, Mozell Jones, Larry Jorden, Charles Kelley, Debra Knox, William Leach, Louis Miller, Paulette Tennison, Jerry Tindall, Curtis Turner and Sandy White.



The Rev. Terry Agner, Salisbury, looks on as Pete Turner, a Raleigh artist with Ferree Studios, shows the painting which is the major artwork for GOOD NEWS NORTH CAROLINA. Agner heads the steering committee which is planning the "celebration of the Bible" campaign which culminates on Good News Sunday, November 20, 1977. The painting will be reproduced on posters and bulletin inserts which will be sent to churches across North Carolina. (photo by Jimmy Allen)



Mrs. Lena Key

Resignation Ends 41 Year Tenure

Roanoke Rapids — Sister Lena Key who has been president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association for 11 years, last September 27th, offered her resignation as president with a heart full of love for the organization. She served as vice-president for 30 years before moving into the office of the presidency. She is still a dedicated worker in the field of missions and has been elected as honorary president of the Auxiliary.

She prays that the Auxiliary will continue to go forward in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. She was presented a plaque in

1973 in appreciation for outstanding service as president of the women's Auxiliary. She is a charter member of the North End Missionary Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N.C., Reverend Elbert Lee, pastor.

She is past president of the General Missionary Circle and sings with the church senior choir.

Sister Key thanks the parent body and the Women's Auxiliary for the fine cooperation given her during her many years of service. "Sisters let us continue to pray to the Lord for his guidance. In times like these we need to pray for each other.

There is nothing we can do without our Heavenly Father. May God bless every one of us and keep us in his loving care. I will continue to pray for you and am asking your continuous prayer for me. Let us do as our theme says, 'Arise and go hence'."

Your Sister in Christ
Sister Lena Key

Wreck Victim

Snow Hill — An automobile accident, in the wee hours of the morning last August, left the Reverend Nathaniel McNair with severe injuries and the possible permanent loss of sight in his right eye. The accident occurred near Snow Hill, N.C., when the auto left the highway and struck a house, finally overturning in a deep ditch.

Returning from a church conference meeting near Windsor, N.C., it is believed that Reverend McNair suffered a temporary loss of consciousness.

A native of Durham, N.C., the young minister holds an A.B. and B.D. Degree from Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School. He has held several N.C. pastorate including Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in New Bern, N.C. At present he is pastor of the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Windsor, N.C. and the Mt. Herman Baptist Church, Aulander, N.C. He has extensive training as an educator and equally as much experience in public school teaching. At the present, he is involved in a study at the N.C. State University, Raleigh, leading to a doctorate degree in Adult Education.

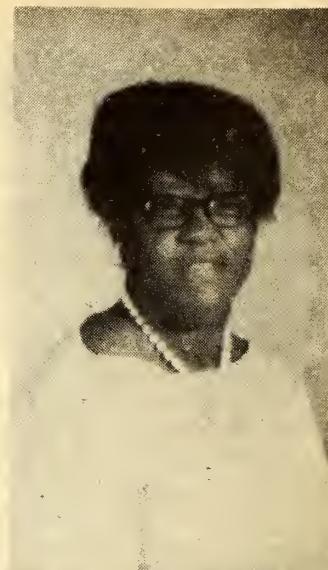
Reverend McNair is a civic minded individual and a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Because of the accident, he has been incapacitated for the last two months and unable to pursue his usual activities. Those who would like to share and encourage Brother McNair with expressions and contributions may send them to: 609 W. Holly Street, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530.

Plastic surgery was required to rebuild the portion of the face that was injured, leaving the damaged nerves in constant pain. However, the pain is being controlled at present by a number of very expensive drugs. Hopefully these nerves will heal in the near future. Let all of us pray for his early and complete recovery.



Rev. N. C. McNair, Jr.



Mrs. Anne Y. Kinnon

A Challenge

For Missionaries

ARISE LET US GO HENCE

By Mrs. Annie Y. Kinnon

Raeford — The Christian is armed with love, joy, peace, patience and faith. The time has come for missionaries to get up and move from this day forward. Arise, let us go hence in love, which is earth's greatest force. In many cases our faith is limited and our love is not genuine. Since we have access to the eternal power of love, let us arise and go hence in doing service for God in ministering to our fellow man by demonstrating love and understanding which the world does not possess.

May we always let the light of service illuminate our pathway as we give of our means, time and talent in showing our love for others. As we go forth with joy in our hearts, we will possess a peace that is given to all Christians.

Disappointments and troubles come to us, but Christians need have no fear, because God is ever present with them. As Christians we should go forward in peace and ask the Lord to let there be peace on earth and let it begin in us.

Arise, let us go hence! These very pertinent words were spoken by Jesus as he prepared the disciples for his departure from this world. At this time they were very much disturbed. He said. Let not your heart be troubled, you are trusting in God, man trust in me.

Let us arise and go hence in patience. Patience helps us hear with the short coming and weaknesses of others as we meet the tasks of daily repetitions in walking the Christian Pathway.

As we go forward in faith, it will sustain us and help us look for a brighter tomorrow for we believe that with God's help, the harvest can be gathered and that if we let our light shine before men, He will send more laborers into the vineyard, for the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Faith helps us to keep on keeping on, for God has promised that: 'if we are faithful unto death,' He will give us a crown of life.'

(Excerpts from an address delivered during the Annual Session of the Hoke County Union, held at Mt. Pisgoh Church, Reverend Luther J. Westbrook, pastor)

In Memoriam

Noted Baptist Leader Mourned

Kinston — North Carolina Baptists, religious and civic leaders were stunned last October 17th when the death of Dr. Rufus Irving Boone was announced. He collapsed following an address he made before the N.C. State Conference of N.A.A.C.P. branches, meeting in Kinston, the week of October 10-14.

Hundreds from across the State and Nation attended the pompous memorial service, held at the First Baptist Church, Kinston. Dr. Boone recently retired from the church and has been succeeded by the Reverend W.K. Raymor. Many outstanding leaders gave testimonials that Dr. Boone was indeed a true intellectual and spiritual leader of the first magnitude; among them was the illustrious Mr. Hobbson Renolds of the Elks of the United States. The Governor of N.C., the honorable James B. Hunt, sent a message of condolence to the family and a tribute to his work on the N.C. Human Relations Council. The message was read by Dr. John Larkins.

The Eulogy was delivered by Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw, Wilmington, N.C., Presiding Bishop, First Episcopal District, A.M.E. Zion Church and Rt. Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Free and accepted Masons in the Jurisdiction of North Carolina.

Bishop Shaw said of Dr. Boone: "Than shall call, and I will answer thee: Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands." (Job 14:15). He stated that God called Dr. Boone to give an account of his stewardship, and he found that he had made full use of his talents. After enumerating a great number of the accomplishments of Dr. Boone, Bishop Shaw declared that these works declare Dr. Boone to have been a good steward.

In Memoriam

Dr. Rufus Irving Boone

Rufus Irving Boone, son of Horace Greely and Mary Elizabeth Jones Boone, native of Murfreesboro, North Carolina, departed this life on Monday, October 17, 1977, 9:07 a.m., at the Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Kinston, North Carolina.

He received his early education at the Waters Normal Institute, Winston, North Carolina and continued his



Dr. R. Irving Boone

studies at Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C.; Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa.; Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary, New York, N.Y.; North Carolina Central University, Durham, N.C. and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C., receiving the A.B., M.A. and the Doctor of Divinity Degrees.

On May 26, 1936, he married Vivian Edwards of Siler City, N.C. For five years they lived in Rockingham, N.C. where he was principal of the Leak Street High School and pastor of the Providence Baptist Church. In 1941, they moved to Wilmington, N.C.; there he began a twenty-three year pastorage of the Central Baptist Church. Then, in 1964, he accepted an appointment to the faculty of Elizabeth City State University. He was at the University for a period of ten years, retiring from the Department of Sociology and the Campus Ministry in 1974. During his tenure at the university he also served as pastor of the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church of Ahoskie, N.C. And in 1969, while still at Elizabeth City, he accepted the pastorage of First Missionary Baptist Church, Kinston, N.C., where he and his wife established their residence in 1974.

Throughout his life he was active in many professional, civic, political and fraternal

organizations. He was a 33 degree Mason, serving, for the past fifteen years, as the editor of The Masonic Journal, and as Grand Director of Public Relations, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the World and was Grand Chaplain, Emeritus, Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World.

During his retirement, he worked assiduously as Executive Director at The United Commission of Kinston-Lenoir County and as a member of the North Carolina Human Relations Council.

His life was one of service; steadfast in his purpose, guided by an unshakable faith and a gift of vision, strengthened by the love he gave to all he knew, he served tirelessly, joyfully and well. "Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ. The battle fought, the victory won — enter thy Master's joy."

He was a loving and devoted husband and father and a friend to all who knew him. Generous and caring, he lived nobly a full and useful life. He is survived by his wife, Vivian Edwards Boone, one daughter, Carolyn Boone Lewis of Washington, D.C., two grandchildren, Irving Porter Lewis and Donna Denise Lewis of Washington, D.C., one sister, Mrs. Beulah Manley of Wakefield, Va., and several nieces and nephews.

"There comes a time for all of us

When we must say good-bye
But faith and hope and love
and trust

Can never, never die,
Although the curtain falls at last

Is that a cause to grieve?
The future's fairer than the past

If only we believe
And trust in God's eternal care—

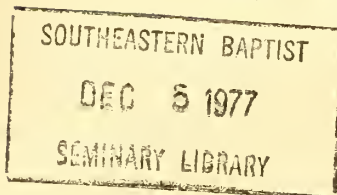
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Let's say that life is still more fair

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Sermonic Greeting

Baptist Leader's Prayer: 'A Joyous Christmas For All'

By I.B. Horton

Raleigh — Even before the nation could assemble itself together in the house of God to offer thanksgiving for his bounteous gifts towards mankind; the merchants were adorning city streets and shop windows with Christmas decorations.

Yes, it is that season once again when all who know and love God, pause in Holy reverence to offer praise and thanks to Him for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. Beyond the tinsel and colored lights, there shines the true light of a Savior for mankind. Above the carols and silver bells there is heard the voice of Zacharias of old, saying:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spoke by the mouth of his holy Prophets, which have been since the world began." (Luke 1:68-70)

Your Baptist leaders: Dr. J.J. Johnson, Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. M.A. Horne, Mrs. Georgia Turner, all General Baptist Convention Auxiliary Heads, and your Convention Staff, humbly greet each of you with a warm prayer and wish that your Christmas season will be joyous. Further our prayer is that your attention will be focused upon the Savior rather than the materialistic emphasis set forth by the commercial world. Let us rediscover the "joy of knowing the Lord" this Christmas.

The work of our great convention will be in vain, except it speak to our need to put God first

in our lives, in our church's work, in our nation, our world. The great tragedy of 1977 is that there are literally millions who have grown up in this God-blessed land, yet they do not know the Lord. This land is truly blessed in every way we can imagine. Time and space will not allow a roll call of the advantages which our free enterprise system has over other forms of government, in areas such as: (1) medical care for the average individual (2) Transportation per family (3) conveniences in the home (4) educational opportunities (5) freedom of worship (6) individual liberties and (7) the constitutional guarantees. Most Americans take these blessings and privileges for granted and feel that we will always have them. Yet every informed individual knows that these benefits were won with the sacrifices of our fore fathers who gave themselves up in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. And it can be reverently said of them: "They counted not their lives dear unto themselves that they might secure the blessings of freedom, and lift God ward their children."

It is the purpose of General Baptist State Convention to keep the Gospel message in the center of all that we do in God's name. That message is clear today and goes out to a needy and weary people, that God has indeed, in the person of Jesus Christ, entered into human experience to offer eternal salvation to all that will believe. The message of Christmas is so simple until men have difficulty believing it. It seems unthinkable to some that

the eternal God, who created all things, would come so close to human flesh, even as the Babe of Bethlehem. Yet it is in this very awe that the simplicity burst into faith and belief. For if God is able to create so great a world and beings, like us, who are "fearfully and wonderfully made", surely He can enter into human experience through the Virgin birth. Nothing is impossible to so great a God.

Therefore it is ours to believe, for if we believe the message of God's servants, scripture says: "We shall be saved." This is where the difficulty in our society lies, men steadfastly refuse to believe. All the forces that play upon them have conditioned them to disbelief. Let me share an experience of "conditioned disbelief."

My jeweler gave me a self-

winding watch. Because he gave it to me, I doubted that it was any good. I would wind it each morning and each night, as I had trained myself to do over the years. Then one day a question arose within me: "Why do you continue to wind a self-winding watch?" My first answer was, "because I don't want to be late." But the voice continued to say: "that is not why you are winding the watch." When I was confronted with this inner voice as to the real reason why I continued to wind a self-winding watch, the real reason came to the surface of my mind. The inner voice said: "You are winding the watch because you really do not believe in self-winding watches. When I pondered this charge. I found that it was true. I did not believe in the

self-winding watch. However, I decided to "prove" the watch, so I stopped winding it. The watch continued to keep time as well as it had when I was winding it every day. It proved it-self because I tried it.

Thus it is with Jesus Christ; men have not tried Him, they do not know Him as a Savior and as the Lord of Lords. But He is all that the hungry human soul needs; one only needs to try him as I tried the selfwinding watch, and Christ Jesus will prove Himself, if you truly believe on Him.

Your servants who labor with you in the cause of Jesus Christ at the Baptist Headquarters pray and wish for each of you that at this Christmas season you will rediscover the Savior which is Jesus Christ the Lord.

Honorary Doctorates Bestowed At Shaw

Raleigh — The One Hundred and Twelfth Founder's Day observance at Shaw University was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion, highlighted by an inspiring address by Dr. Wendell C. Somerville and the conferring of Honorary Doctorates upon three outstanding and worthy Baptist leaders. The recipients were Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne, The Reverend Johnnie Lee White, and The Reverend Homer B. Ferguson (see story inside for account of White and Ferguson).

Mrs. Horne, a native of Winston-Salem, was the first to receive her degree. She has served the woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission

Convention for the past twenty-eight years; eighteen years as president and ten years in her present position as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The vigorous and dedicated Baptist leader was educated at Winston-Salem State University and received her Christian Education Training at Shaw University. She taught public school one year before she was selected by God and the Baptist women to play the vital role of Christian leadership.

The following citation, written by Dr. John W. Flemint, Interim President of Shaw, was elegantly read by Dr. O.L. Sherrill.

BERTHENIA DUNLAP

HORNE
DOCTOR OF HUMANE
LETTERS

MR. PRESIDENT: Berthenia Dunlap Horne is truly a great woman. Her service to the Baptist of this state, the nation, and the world is deserving of recognition and honor. Her greatness lies in the nature of her task and in the manner in which she has performed it. She has devoted her life to Christian missions, at home and abroad, primarily through the vehicle of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missions Convention of North Carolina. In serving that organization as president and

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Special Committee To Meet

A special Committee to bring in by-laws and charter information on the organization of the State-Wide Baptist Pastors and Ministers Conference will meet at the Baptist Headquarters on Monday, December 13, 1977 at 8:00 p.m.

and Tuesday morning, December 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Those wishing to spend the night, please make reservations at the Holiday Inn, downtown or any other accommodation of your choice.

New Shaw President Announced

Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Shaw University, announced during the Shaw Founder's Day Observance, that Dr. Stanley Smith has been elected as the New President of Shaw

University.

Dr. Smith is Dean of Human Resources, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. He will assume his duties at Shaw July 1, 1978.



L. Dr. John W. Fleming, Dr. Horne, and Dr. O.L. Sherrill placing the Doctorial Hood.

The President's Pen

1976-77 (September 1, 1976-August 31, 1977) was a Banner General Baptist State Convention Year. That is the 355,000 church members, 1,700 churches, 1,200 pastors and ministers, convention and auxiliary officers, Baptist Headquarter's staff and executive officers made history. Because of our diligent cooperation and sacrificial contributions, we realized almost \$950,000.00 for the Christian objectives and operations.

Special recognition goes to retired Executive Secretary, Dr. O.L. Sherrill for his significant contributions, effective and efficient leadership the past thirty years. But more especially This Banner Year. Although the Million Dollars goal was not reached under his leadership, however, positive plans and programs of progress advanced us toward the real possibility of this goal under his successor.

The new commander, Dr. C.C. Craig, like Joshua is committed, called, commissioned and compelled to carry us over this "Jordan". The man and his message, "My Dream and Destiny", to the General Baptist State Convention on Tuesday, October 25 during The Special One Day Session at the Martin Street Baptist Church, Dr. P.H. Johnson, pastor, Raleigh gave all of us the assurance that he was committed, capable and competent to lead the Convention to higher heights spiritually, educationally and economically.

May Dr. Craig and the Con-

vention remember their sacred vow taken at the installation and confirmation ceremonies.

Here it is again to refresh our memory:

I, Calvin C. Craig accept the call, commitment, commission, challenge and responsibility as Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and hereby, promise to lift the Convention to the highest height possible spiritually, educationally, and economically according to my capabilities and abilities by the help of God and my fellow Christians.

We, the members of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. hereby, promise to pray, cooperate and support you and the objectives of the Convention and Kingdom of God to our fullest capabilities and abilities by the help of God.

I, Calvin C. Craig, further promise to efficiently and effectively implement the plans, programs, resolutions and recommendations of the Convention as well as perform the duties of my office.

As a servant of God and this Convention I shall always exemplify the principles of The Master in my conduct and human relations so help me God. All-Amen.

If all keep their sacred vow to God, we can far exceed our goal of 1976, "Ten Thousand Souls Saved and One Million Dollars Raised", in 1977-78. Of course, we must not only "talk the talk", but we must walk the walk", also.

Joy J. Johnson, President

Clarion Call

Dr. Otis Hairston, the innovative and creative Minister of Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, has come up with the idea of a "Shaw Dollar - A - Month" Club.

What he proposes is to get at least 500 members of his congregation to pledge a dollar a month to Shaw. In a year that would mean \$6,000.00 without a strain on anyone.

Let us look at the broad implications of that plan. If 100,000 of the 375,000 black Baptists in North Carolina joined "a-dollar-a-month" club that would mean \$1,200,000 per year again without a strain on anyone. What's more the monthly plan would mean regular and frequent giving for the support of Shaw.

I would like to see within the next month at least 100 ministers initiate that plan in their churches. It may be that you will have to start with five or ten members, but such a worthy idea will grow.

Remember, Shaw needs your support. This plan is simple but meaningful. Pastor, let me hear from you. Let me know if you will establish a "Shaw-Dollar-A-Month" Club in your church.

Let us get about the main business of saving our beloved institution. Remember the words of Dr. Wendell C. Somerville: "Shaw is more than brick or mortar; neither is it just another institution. Shaw University is a CAUSE."

Another thing I would like to call to your attention is the wonderful young people that we have here who could serve as Youth Day speakers in your churches. Two, Mr. Willie Jones and Miss Teretha Lemon, are dynamic speakers and deeply religious people. Their coming to your churches could serve a two-fold purpose; it could supply you with speakers for the occasion and it could provide the opportunity for them to do some recruiting among your young folk.

Let these young people work with your young people. They will provide an excellent and inspiring role model for them.

This office is open for suggestions. Any idea that you think will help us in our effort to build a bigger and better Shaw, please do not hesitate to send it to us. We are "co-laborers together with God."

the room. It was around this green fir tree that the tribesmen made merry as St. Wilfred told them the meaning of Christmas.

Our message to you on Christmas Morning is: May you be merry around your Christmas tree as you hear anew the message of Christmas from the angel; "For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a savior, which is Christ the Lord." May this be your very best Christmas and may the coming year bring you much happiness and success.

Sincerely,
C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary and Staff Members of the Baptist Headquarters.

Ture freedom is found only in bondage to Christ.

The Executive Secretary's Desk

Dear Brother Pastor:

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Convention as its Executive Secretary. The position offers a great challenge which I hope I can successfully meet. However, I cannot hope to do it alone. The sincere dedication and support of everyone will enable me to do an effective job. The objective of our convention is financial support for: Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. The Executive Committee of the General Baptist State joins me in answering the question, "What can our pastors and leaders pastors and leaders do to help us meet the greatest financial challenge in the history of our Convention, which is a budget of \$1,025,000.00?"

Our pastors and leaders can do one of three things: 1. Lead their church to give ten per cent of its budget to the Convention for missions and Christian Education, 2. Lead their church to give an increase for our fiscal year 1977-78 of not less than fifteen percent over the amount that their church gave for the fiscal year 1976-77, or 3. Lead their church to accept a suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters for the fiscal year 1977-78.

Opening the mail on November the 18 and 19 was like a surprise package from Santa Claus, for it was heart warming to find a response from the

following pastors who joined others in accepting the challenge to lead their church to give ten per cent of its budget for the support of missions and Christian Education: Dr. J.J. Johnson, president of the Convention and pastor of First Baptist, Fairmont; Dr. J.E. Arnette, Metropolitan Baptist, Rocky Mount; Dr. William S. Epps, First Baptist, Winston-Salem, Dr. C.R. Edwards, First Baptist, Fayetteville and Reverend J.L. Morgan, First Calvary, Sanford. The pastors who accepted the suggested quotas sent to them from the Baptist Headquarters are: Reverend Gene E. Gilmore, Mount Moriah, Belmont; Reverend B.A. Mack, Morehead Avenue, Durham; Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, Friendship, Charlotte; Reverend Sidney A. Locks, Sandy Grove, Lumberton; Reverend Clyde B. Walton, Oak City, Raleigh and Reverend Thomas L. Walker, Ebenezer, Rocky Mount. The Reverend John Prince, Friendship, Whiteville and Dr. L.D. Parker, St. Luke, Charlotte accepted the challenge to give an increase of not less than fifteen percent above the amount given for the fiscal year 1976-77.

I hope that all of our pastors will respond to the challenge of the Convention in a positive way. Whenever we "attempt great things for God", we can expect "great things from God."

Sincerely,
C.C. Craig

Christmas 1977

Dear Christian Friends,

The Legend of the first Christmas tree had its origin about 732 years after the birth of Jesus. It is said that St. Wilfred took with him a band of priests and sought to convert the worshippers of Thor, the god of thunder.

As they were traveling, fighting their way through the deep snow in the dense forest, they came upon the savage tribe under an oak tree worshipping the god of thor. The priest of the savage tribe was about to offer as a sacrifice to the god of thor,

the young son of the tribe's chief. When St. Wilfred saw it, he rushed forward and stopped the hand that was about to slay the child, and the tribesmen were delighted at the saving of their favorite son.

St. Wilfred took an axe and began to cut down the oak tree. As it was about to fall, lightning struck the tree and it was torn into pieces. A slender fir tree, green and sparkling sprang up in the place where the oak tree was. This tree was then cut down and carried to the chief captain's hall and placed in the center of

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President Turner's

Initial Message To Women's Baptist Home And Foreign Mission Conv.

Baptist Headquarters
Chairperson Sister Hayes
Executive Secretary Sister Horne
Members of the Executive Board
Greetings from the women of North Carolina.

The past two months have been interesting and quite fulfilling. I have tried to fall in line without getting too much out of step with the forefeeling trends of our mammoth convention. I attended the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention's 80th Annual Session in Louisville, Kentucky, and found the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina very much in the leadership. I have attended three Associational Auxiliaries, a number of Woman's Days and Missionary Days. These, I have richly enjoyed. Thank you so much Young Adult Director Daniels and Youth Supervisor Michell for your inspiring reports and remarks. We are proud that, as always, our Young Adult and Youth Departments are in good hands.

Special thanks to the Board Members, for your complimentary words; words of love and kindness and sincere prayers. I need your support and I must have your support in order to continue this spiritual venture — begun so many years ago. Our sincere thanks to past President McLester for her leadership and able assistance.

Executive Board Members, please encourage the folk in your area to continue to be regular supporters of our convention. Be available to those in your area and know the work of your convention well enough to be able to answer questions intelligently or know where to find the answer.

Support: For nearly eight years, life membership pins have been available to members of the convention, as brought to us by past President Sister Slade. As a member of the Board — Please make yourselves available to this cause. It sounds good, it looks good and it is good to see all members of the Board as life members.

District Conferences in all areas must meet between Annual Sessions of the Convention. Please inform me of your meeting date so that I may look in on you if at all possible and meet the sisters there. Some of you have already given me your dates and I thank you.

The two important meetings for November 5th and 19th (notices sent by our Executive Secretary-Treasurer's office) may concern someone else in your area who does not have her name on the mailing list or does not know about it. Please inform these sisters and try to see that they do attend.

During the May 7th Executive Board Meeting our Executive Secretary - Treasurer recom-

mended six persons (by office) to the Executive Committee. The other three are to be recommended by the president. To this Executive Committee I recommend: Sister Thelma Horton, First Vice President; Sister Novella Whitted, Recorder; and Sister Maggie White, General Board Chairperson.

For your Information: Our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Horne is to receive an Honorary Doctorate Degree from our own Shaw University at the One hundred Twelfth Founders' Day Convocation on Friday, November 4th. Pre-Congratulations and best wishes to you from all of us.

As a closing thought to remember, Sisters as we work toward reaching the goals of our Convention through God's will.



Mrs. Georgia M. Turner

"The things that are impossible with man are possible with God." We come face to face daily with situations that really seem to us — at first look — almost impossible. But as

Christian women, we know that we don't give up. We seek God's guidance through sincere prayer. Try these: 1. Keep relaxed. 2. Don't worry (worry sets the mind in a circle) 3.

Avoid getting panicky. With any situation when we sincerely talk to God — leave it with Him and He'll work it out. We don't need to spend hours anguishing over something we've already talked to Him about.

Let us keep our lives and the work of our Convention before God in prayer. Pray for our Executive Secretary, our Officers, our Sisters all over the state. If we continue in prayer, our lives and the work of our

Convention will be like an express train as it passes a small station — The whistle may blow, a lot of noise is made and the train will slow down but God won't let it stop. Please continue in prayer for my strength.



L. to R. Mrs. Rosa Holloway, Mrs. Lucinder Satterwhite, Mrs. Robbie Diggs, Mr. Slade, President Vera Slade, Mrs. J.B. McLester, Mrs. Carrie Johnson, and Mrs. Ethel Stanfield. This group of missionary sisters were in attendance at the North American Baptist Women's Assembly; this session was held at the Princess Freeport, Bahamas.

N.C. Women Visit Bahamas

Freeport, Bahamas — Shown in the photograph on this page are several persons who traveled with Mrs. J.B. McLester to Freeport, Grand Bahamas, where the North American

Annual Session Held

By Juanita Korenegay

Kinston — The 87th Annual Session of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention was recently held with Banks' Chapel Sunday School - Kinston, Reverend I.M. Jordan is the pastor.

The theme was: "Christ Makes House Calls". Crowning of the queens was directed by Sister W.B. Tyson, from St. Delight, assisted by Sister Elnora Grantham.

The queens were: Sister Ruthie Waters, Greater Mt. Zion, Kinston, \$50.00; Sister Sandra Huctkins, Best Grove, Goldsboro, \$137.76; Sister Gora Harvey, Hooks Grove, Pikesville, \$200.00; Sister Melinda Williams, St. Delight, Walstonburg, \$225.00.

Sermons preached during the session were: Thursday night — Reverend I.M. Jordan, "How Tall Should A Girl Or Boy Be?" Text from the 19th Chapter of Luke 2-3 verses. Thursday evening — Reverend E.L. Daniels, "What Must I Do?" Text from the 16th Chapter of Acts of the Apostles, verses 30-31. Friday morning — Reverend R.J. Johnson, "Let Your Light Shine". Text from the 5th Chapter of Matthew 16th verse.

World Leaders Attend NABWU

Freeport, Bahamas — Three national and world leaders are shown in attendance (see photo this page) at the North American Baptist Women's Union in Freeport, Bahamas last October. Dr. M.A. Horne is the Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, N.C. Inc., and chairperson of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention's Women's Auxiliary Board. Mrs. Louise Slader is Director of Women's work of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Mrs. Vera Slade is President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention's Women's Auxiliary. There were over 3,000 women present at the meeting, which is held every five years.

Baptist Women's Union held its continental Assembly. The assembly is one of the six assemblies that makes up the Women's Auxiliary of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA). Mrs. Letha Cosazza of Waco Texas retired as president, and Mrs. Mervena Wilhams was elected. Dr. Mary Wright, treasurer, will retire from office in April 1978. All of the National Baptist National Conventions and the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention hold active membership in the (NABWU). Mrs. McLester attended the Baptist World Alliance in 1975 at Stockholm, Sweden; she was also impressed with the Bahamian welcome given by its

officials of State and its Baptist "Heads". Seventeen kinds of Baptist Organizations led in assembly reports, daily study, counsels in Ecumenical Ministries Bible Study, communications and community relations. The main emphasis throughout was: "Growing through study."

Mrs. Vera Slade, President of the Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary, participated in the Assembly programs twice. Dr. Mary O. Ross, Dr. Mary Wright, and Dr. Myra Taylor led workshops during the afternoon session.

The (BWA) will be held in Toronto, Canada in July of 1980.



Left to Right Dr. M.A. Horne, Mrs. Louise Slader and Mrs. Vera Slade

\$500 Pledged For Library In Africa

Winston-Salem — The Randolph Lott Carey Foreign Mission Circle of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem has pledged to give \$500.00 in support of the library project of the W.B.H. & F.M. Convention, in Brewerville, W. Africa. Dr. M.A. Horne who addressed the group recently on

Foreign Missions, stated that they have given outstanding financial support to the project. The missionary group has already given approximately 100 Bibles to the library and has paid over half of its financial pledge. The Reverend W.S. Epps is pastor of the First Baptist Church.



Dr. M.A. Horne (Long African Dress); L. to R. Mrs. Mabel Wooten, Secretary of the group; Mrs. Aletis Bryant, President; Mrs. Gennie Graham, Vice President; Mrs. Jeannette Christian; In background, Mrs. Martha Atkins, music.

Holy Fire Instilled At Shaw Divinity School

Raleigh — (Editor's Note: This article concerning the Shaw Divinity School is the fourth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptists and friends of Baptists of our State and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptists, departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July—STATE Missions February and August — CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September — SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October — FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November — THE J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; and June and December — THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.

HOLY FIRE INSTILLED

The late Dr. W.L. Mason once said: "Nothing ever happens in the pulpit until the preacher catches on fire." His words revealed his deep understanding of the process of inspiration and restoration of the wounded, weary human soul. The process begins with the rekindling of God's Holy Fire within the cold, neglected soul of man. This is a delicate process indeed, and he who would aid the kindling process, must possess a most sensitive and Holy understanding of mankind's innermost constitution. As a representative and instrument of Almighty God, the minister possesses no fire; fire must come from God. However, the true minister is like a starter and knows that his role in worship, is: "to inspire the believer, convict the sinner, and cheer many a weary traveller." The following scripture passages tend to uphold Dr. Mason's point of view and to reinforce this vital truth.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth...and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts 1:8, 2:3-4)

"...And the God that answereth by fire, let him be God..." (I Kings 18:24)

The faculty at the Shaw Divinity School never ceases to emphasize this fundamental truth and to instill it in every student who passes through its sacred halls.

Dean Alexander knows that each of us is helpless before God, but when we learn to depend on God, our resources are unlimited. Recent institutes,

sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School, revealed that many churches are cold and dead because far too many ministers go into the pulpit more concerned about the size of their salary, the sentence structure of their message, and the attitude of their enemies, than they are about the spiritual hunger in souls of the worships. These institutes have been helpful because institute leaders have pointed the ministers back to the word of God as their chief source of strength. This is the very core of Theological Education; to teach men how to understand the spiritual needs of God's people. And not only to understand, but to help God's people re-establish a meaningful relationship with their creator.

With the rise in spiritual depravity in our Nation, there is no other answer but to turn to God in repentance and faith. It is therefore our hope that each Baptist will see his or her way clear to give as much support to our Divinity School through the Unified Program as we possibly can in the months and year ahead.

News articles on this page reveal the nature of the activity that is going on at the Shaw Divinity School.

Church Vocation Program At Shaw Divinity School

BY DR. P.H. BRODIE

During the Fall Semester, 1976, The Shaw Divinity School began a new program, the Church Vocations Program. The program has a two-fold purpose: (1) to teach persons the church's purpose, nature, and mission and (2) to equip persons with skills in church management, mission development, and promotion. The program has been given the name of Church Vocations because it addresses itself to the needs of the church family in terms of the pastor, deacons, ushers, choir members, director of christian education, Sunday school teachers, missionaries, prospective leaders, or mere church members.

There are two models for this

92 Enrolled For 1st Semester

Ninety-two students enrolled in the Shaw Divinity School for the first semester, 1977-78. Seventy-two enrolled for on-campus study; twenty in the Seminary Without Walls.

Registration for the second semester will be conducted, Saturday, January 14, 1977, between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon. Persons interested in enrolling should contact or call:

The Reverend James Z. Alexander
Dean of Academic Affairs
The Shaw Divinity School
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Phone: (919) 755-4846
Or
The Director of Admissions
The Shaw Divinity School
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Phone: 755-4811



Dr. Rose Butler Browne addresses the Second Annual Sarah Turner Tupper Memorial Banquet, Friday, October 28, 1977.

Dr. Rose Butler Browne

Eminent Educator Addresses Banquet

Dr. Rose Butler Browne, eminent educator and churchwoman, addressed the Shaw Divinity School's Second Annual Sarah Turner Tupper Memorial Banquet in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building on Shaw University's campus, Friday, October 28. Dr. Browne, formerly of Durham, now lives in Providence, Rhode Island.

Dr. Browne stressed the

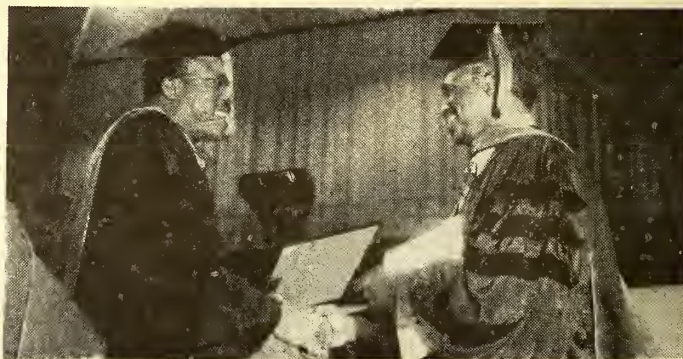
need for vital faith in God; encouraged Christian womanhood as exemplified by Mrs. Tupper; emphasized the importance of keeping alive the memory and example of those persons committed to human uplift; and urged the reporting and continuation of creative work by Black People.

The Sarah Turner Tupper Banquet is planned and promoted by the wives of the Trustees and Board of Visitors of the Shaw Divinity School. The

Steering Committee is comprised of: Mrs. J.B. McLester, Durham, Chairperson; Mrs. E.B. Turner, Lumberton; Mrs. C.R. Edward, Fayetteville; Mrs. H.L. Mitchell, Gatesville; Mrs. J.J. Johnson, Fairmont; Mrs. W.K. Mitchell, Red Springs; Mrs. C.R. Mosley, Asheville; and Mrs. J.E. Arnette, Rocky Mount. The committee expresses its sincere gratitude to all who supported and contributed to the Banquet.



Dr. H.B. Ferguson receives congratulatory hand shake from Dr. E.B. Turner at Founder's Day Convocation, November 4, 1977.



Dr. Johnnie Lee White receives congratulatory hand shake from Dr. E.B. Turner at Founder's Day Convocation, November 4, 1977.

Ferguson And White

Honored At Shaw Univ. Founder's Day Convocation

Dr. Homer Beard Ferguson, Pastor, Rock Hill Baptist Church, Asheville, and Dr. Johnny Lee White, Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church, Norfolk Virginia, received the honorary

Doctor of Divinity degree from the Shaw Divinity School at Shaw University's Founder's Day Convocation November 4 in Raleigh's Civic Center. Dr. Ferguson was cited

as a man whose ministry "personifies a consistency indispensable to effective Christians witness," and Dr. White for a model of ministry, "worthy of emulation by churches desiring to develop ministries with strong community orientation."

The degrees were conferred by Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees.

Christian Journalism Youth Contest Announced

By Isaac B. Horton

WHAT: Young people are invited to participate in a contest of Christian Journalism by writing a news article of 2,500 words or less on one of the following subjects.

1. Homosexuality
2. Pre-marital Sex
3. Drug Abuse

4. Abortion

5. Social and Criminal Justice

WHY: To give young people an opportunity to express themselves through the Baptist Informer and to develop their understanding of the above subjects in light of Christian beliefs.

WHO: Participants should be

either a High School Sophomore, Junior, or Senior, a College Freshman or Sophomore between the ages of 15-21 years. (Youth outside the specified limitations may be considered for participation with special permission from the candidate).

HOW: Fill out the application (on this page) and mail it in

immediately. Deadline for news articles to be in to candidate: January 31, 1978.

REQUIREMENTS: Read instructions on this page.

REWARDS: The five (5) top winners will have their news articles published, along with their photograph and biography. The top winner will be given a

special award.

All pastors and Christian Leaders are urged to support this effort and to assist young people in their preparation.

(This project-in-ministry has been approved by the Executive Committee and the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. - July 1977)

A Ministry Through Journalism

The Baptist Informer Communicating Christ To Youth

General Information

I. The Candidate

Issac B. Horton is editor of "The Baptist Informer, official organ of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., pastor of the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., and a D. Min. Candidate at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

II. Purpose

This Project-in-Ministry is being conducted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Doctor of Ministry Degree. It is directed towards a need for Ministry to youth that can be met through Christian Journalism.

The Problem:

A review of the publications of The Baptist Informer for the past ten years reveals that little or no ministry has been directed towards youth. Occasionally there is an article directed towards youth but virtually no input by the youth themselves. (This refers to the adolescence years 8-18). This "plastic stage" constitutes the most vital growth period in an individual's life. If the proverb is true: "As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined," then this life-style-developing period is the time for youth to be confronted with vital Christian truth. Yet it is evident that The Baptist Informer and some other Christian Journals are not showing much sensitivity to this need.

The Thesis Rationale:

Today's youth, the future Christian and denominational

leaders, need to be well acquainted with the Beliefs and Doctrines of the Church. They need to be able to debate the vital issues of today's world in light of Christian truth, on a competent intellectual level. Therefore, it is the candidate's view that these needs can be met by the youths' participation in a directed program of Christian Journalism.

III. Approach to The Need

In an effort to meet the need described in The Purpose, the candidate is inviting young people throughout the State of North Carolina to participate in a "Contest of Christian Journalism". Participants should be either a High School Sophomore, Junior, or Senior, a College Freshman or Sophomore, between the age of 15-21 years. Youth outside this limitation may be considered for participation with special permission from the candidate.

Each young person is invited to write a news article, 2,500 words or less on one of the five subjects listed below. The articles should be written by the participants stating his-her views on the subject in light of his-her understanding of the Christian Beliefs and Doctrines. All subjects are selected from current issues that constitute the basis for problems in today's society.

The expressed purpose of the "Contest of Christian Journalism" is to get today's youth involved in meaningful thinking about vital issues of today as

these issues relate to Christianity. It is to focus attention on these issues in their true relationships to right and meaningful living. It is to help youth crystalize their thinking on vital issues and to develop the ability to make responsible decisions. It is to encourage youth to become actively involved in the process of Christian writing and to nurture their native abilities into maturity. It is to discover leadership ability and to encourage commitment to Jesus Christ. It is to create a wider reading public for The Baptist Informer and make it a Christian Journal for youth as well as adults. The ultimate aim is to make The Baptist Informer a stronger Christian instrument in the battle for the minds and souls of today's youth.

The best five (5) articles will be published in The Baptist Informer along with a photograph and biographical sketch of the winners. These articles and photographs will also be released to other

publications. A special award will be presented to the top winner.

IV. Subjects

The following five (5) subjects hold a vital position in interpersonal relationships. Christianity has a very definite point of view on these controversial issues. Contestants are invited to explore their own feelings and express how they understand these subjects; relative to their knowledge of Christian Doctrines and beliefs.

Attention is called to the specific Christian Doctrines of: Creation, Sin and the Fall of Man, Redemption and Salvation as seen in Jesus Christ, and the living of the Regenerated Life under the Guidance of the Holy spirit.

SELECTED SUBJECTS:

1. Homosexuality
2. Pre-Marital Sex
3. Drug Abuse
4. Social and Criminal Justice
5. Abortion

REQUIREMENTS:

- Each Contestants should:
1. Select one of the Subjects

above.

2. Fill out the Contest Entrance Application immediately and return it to;

Reverend Isaac B. Horton
424 Warsaw Court
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

3. Plan to attend a two-day "Workshop" on Christian Journalism. (Tentative Date: December 30-31, 1977), Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C.)

4. Secure permission to participate in the Contest from your parents - guardian and pastor (if a church member).

5. Secure a sponsor who will aid you financially in attending the Workshop; preferably your church.

Cost of the Workshop will involve your transportation to Goldsboro, N.C. and a registration fee of \$1.00. Meals and lodging will be furnished free. Each Contestant should have a minimum of \$10.00 for incidentals. Chaperones will be furnished by the local Church.

The Workshop will begin on Friday, December 30th. at 9:00 a.m. and end Saturday, December 31st. at noon. Contestants will be permitted to participate in a Talent Program on Friday evening, which will be sponsored by the local youth.

6. All entries must have their news articles in to the Candidate on or before January 31, 1978.

Guidelines

A group of ten (10) North Carolina pastors, now engaged in a seminar on Christian Journalism (Being held at First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., November 2, 1977 - January 4, 1978) will judge the News Articles according to the following guidelines:

GUIDELINES:

1. Originality of Thought
2. English and Grammar Structure
3. Writing Style
4. Accuracy of Information
5. Understanding of Christian Doctrines and Beliefs
5. Insight into Human Relationships
7. Knowledge of Subject Matter
8. Depth of Feeling
9. Attitude Toward Other people
10. Interest in Christian Journalism

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, By the living word of God I shall prevail, Standing on the promises of God. —Carter

Workshop Schedule

December 30-31, 1977
MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
318 Denmark Street
Goldsboro, North Carolina
FRIDAY MORNING

9:00 A.M.	Registration	
9:30 A.M.	Devotion	
10:00 A.M.	Theme Address	"Christian Journalism: A Youth Ministry"
		Reverend I.B. Horton
10:30 A.M.	Lecture	"The Challenge of Christian Journalism" J. Marse Grant, Editor, Biblical Recorder

11:15 A.M.	Discussion Period	
12:00 Noon	Lunch	
FRIDAY AFTERNOON		
1:30 P.M.	Workshop	"Techniques of Journalism"
		Rev. I.B. Horton

3:00 P.M.	Break	
3:30 P.M.	Lecture	"The Challenge of Truth in Journalism" Eugene Price, Editor, Goldsboro News Argus

4:15 P.M.	Discussion Period	
5:00 P.M.	Dinner	

FRIDAY EVENING		
7:00 P.M.	Devotion	
7:15 P.M.	Address	"Social and Criminal Justice and the Christian Writer"
		Dr. J.J. Johnson, President, General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.
8:00 P.M.	Talent Program	Local Youth and Contestants Fellowship Hour

SATURDAY MORNING		
8:45 A.M.	Devotion	
9:00 A.M.	Workshop	"Techniques of Journalism"
		Rev. I.B. Horton
10:30 A.M.	Lecture	"Christian Journalism in the Local Church" Dr. E. Leon Smith, Pastor, First Baptist, Goldsboro, N.C.

11:15 A.M.	Discussion Period	
12:00 Noon	Final Adjournment	

Christian Journalism

Contest Application

Date:

Name: Age:

Name of Membership Church:

Pastor's Name:

Your Address: Phone:

The Subject you choose to write on:

Check one:

I plan to attend the Workshop:

I cannot attend the Workshop:

*(All Contestants are encouraged to attend the Workshop, but attendance is not required for participation)

Return this application immediately to:

Reverend Isaac B. Horton

424 Warsaw Court

Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Your Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Pastor's Signature:

(if a Church Member)

Church Music

As the Christmas season approaches, let us keep in mind the true spirit of the occasion—"the birth of Jesus Christ". As choir members, music directors and others, its our responsibility to—"Go Tell It On The Mountain"—tell the good news that our Savior is borned.

Below, you will find a list of music suitable for use doing this season.

In the following order:
Athemns; Composer; Choir; Publisher.

Christ Came to Bethlehem, Williams, Young People, H.W. Gray Co.;

Christ The Lord is Born, arr. Bitgood, Young People, Galaxy Music Co.;

Glory To God (Messiah), Handel, Adult, G. Schirmer, Inc.;

O Holy Night, Adam, Adult, G. Schirmer, Inc.;

Jesu, Joy o' Man's Desiring, Bach, Adult, Galaxy Music, Co.;

Break Forth, O Beautoues, Heavenly Light, Bach, Adult, Galaxy Music, Co.;

Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah), Handel, Adult, G. Schirmer, Inc.;

Awake, Awake, McKinney, Adult, Broadman Hymnal.

Spirituals:

Mary Had A Baby, Negro Spiritual, Tuskegee Music Press;

Poor Little Jesus Boy,

Traditional;

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow, J.B. Herbert, Rodeheaver Co.;

Go Tell It On The Mountains, J.W. Work, Tuskegee Music Press;

Amen, Amen, Traditional.

In the following order:
Hymns; Composer; Hymnal.

Angels, From The Realms Of Glory, H. Smart, All Baptist Hymnals;

While Shephards Watched Their Flocks, Handel, Broadman;

Angels We Have Heard, Traditional, Baptist Hymnal;

Silent Night, Griiher, All Hymnals;

Away In the Manger, Murray, All Hymnals;

Hark, The Herald, Mendelssohn, All Hymnals;

O Come All Ye Faithful, Traditional, All Hymnals;

Joy To The Word, Handel, All Hymnals;

Thou Dist Leave Thy Throne, Matthews, Broadman Hymnal.

And many others

It is hoped that you will use all available sources to provide variety in planning your Christmas music for:

1. Song feast (Carols)
 2. Candlelight services.
 3. Sunday School Programs.
 4. Cantatas
 5. Christmas caroling
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Rev. Oscar B. Cook

Installed At Mars Hill

The Rev. Oscar B. Cook, was installed as pastor of the Mars Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on October 23rd, 1977, following a week of installation services.

The Dr. Wannie C. Hay, and members of the Galilee Baptist Church, Winston Salem, were in charge of the closing services.

Dr. J.J. Johnson, president of the General Baptist State Convention, State House Representative, and pastor of the First Baptist Church, at Fairmont, N.C. gave the charge to Cook.

Others bringing greetings or congratulations were, Bishop S.D. Johnson, president of the Baptist Ministers Fellowship & Associates, Dr. Jay R. Butler, president of Forsyth Clergyman Association, Dr. David R. Hedgley, executive secretary of

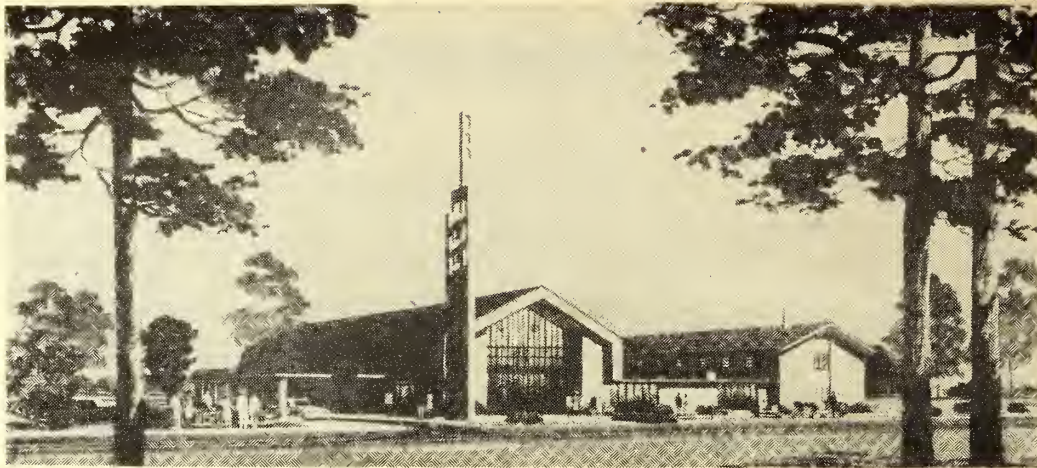
the Rowan Association, Dr. J.D. Ballard, president of Forsyth County Missionary Education Union, Mr. Patrick Harisont, president of the Forsyth N.A.A.C.P., Mr. Jerry Gilmore III, Twin-City Funeral Directors, Winston-Salem, Alderman Carl H. Russell, Greensboro city-councilman, Mr. Jimmie I. Barber, president of the Thomasville, N.C. Ministers Fellowship, Rev. W.E. Banks, and the Rev. W.M. Harris, pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist Church, of Winston-Salem.

The service was climaxed with a Dinner in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Cook is married to the former Pansy Baker, he and his wife are the proud parents of two lovely daughters, they reside in Greensboro, N.C.



Reverend Oscar B. Cook and Dr. J.J. Johnson viewing new church bulletin marker at Mars Hill Baptist Church.



Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church

Groundbreaking At Mayfield Memorial

BY. H.S. DIGGS

Charlotte — The Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, located at 700 Sugar Creek Road West, observed Groundbreaking Ceremonies on Sunday, October 23, 1977 at 5:00 P.M. which signaled the beginning of construction of their new sanctuary addition.

The present structure encompasses 54 rooms, 4 assembly rooms, a chapel, Lobby, 13 rest rooms and a vestibule. The congregation has been holding corporate worship services in their Chapel which seats between 500-600 persons. It has always been in the minds of the Mayfield Church family to erect a Sanctuary, but the growth and great numbers of persons attending the worship services make it mandatory that the time-table for construction of the

new facility be stepped up considerably.

The new sanctuary will seat 780 persons on the ground level and 220 in the balcony. This will give a total seating capacity of 1,000. To be built also will be a Pastor's Study, Ushers and First Aid Room, Finance Room, Flower Preparation Room, Lord's Supper Preparation Room, Baptismal Dressing Rooms for both ladies and men, Choir Room, Robe Room, Custodial Storage Room, and 7 additional rest rooms. Also to be built is a two way drive under passenger pick-up and delivery shelter. There will be a 64 by 50 feet court between the present chapel and new Sanctuary with entrance to the same from two enclosed corridors that will connect the new and existing facilities. A tower will also be

built inside the court and bells will hang in the tower.

Stained glass windows will agument the atmosphere of the Sanctuary with the color scheme being Church-Red and White.

The present chapel will be used as the church's Fellowship Hall and Multipurpose Room.

When the new facility is completed, the total church structure will be valued at more than \$2,000,000 with a 3½ acre parking lot.

The contract has been awarded to Moretti Construction Company. The architect is Clinton E. Gravely of Greensboro, N.C. who has been working with the church since 1970.

The pastor of the church is Rev. H.S. Diggs.

Hooks Grove Baptist

Church Hit By Vandals

Pikeville — Extensive renovation, including a new kitchen and dining room is nearing completion at Hooks Grove Baptist Church, but church officials, could hardly believe their eyes when they discovered vandalism Saturday morning, October 29.

All four windows in the new dining room were broken from the inside and a hole was shot in one of them with a .25 caliber bullet. A spent cartridge was found on the floor this morning

and there was a powder burn on a curtain.

Curtains were snatched from the windows, breaking the rods, and a large flourescent light fixture was broken in the kitchen. Windows were broken in the pastor's study and in a hall between the sanctuary and the dinning room and a stair railing was broken. A door was broken to gain entry.

None of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary were broken and no damage to the

sanctuary was seen as workers arrived with the new carpet this morning.

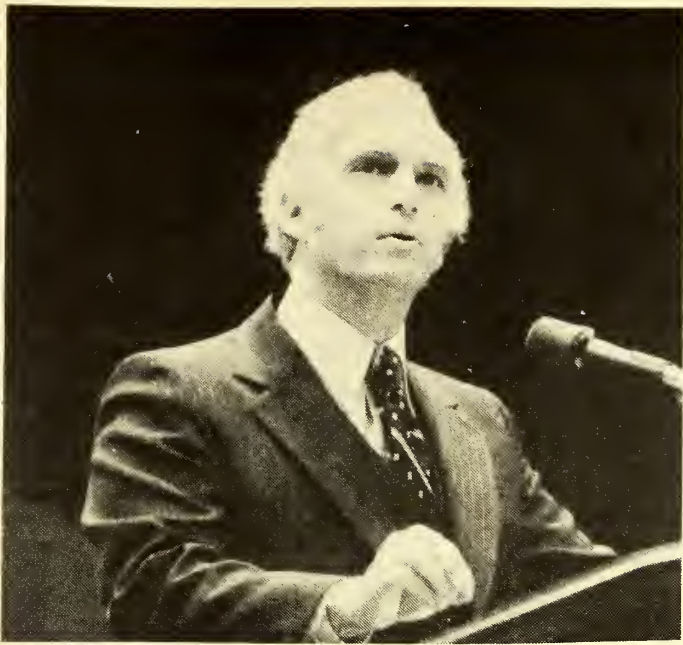
"This was the work of someone very sick or of very weak character," Russell Adams, a deacon, said.

First services in the renovated church are scheduled for Sunday, November 6.

The church recently was host to the North Carolina Baptist State Usher's Convention. The pastor is the Reverend Johnnie C. Sherrod of Pikeville.



Hooks Grove before the renovation program began. The entire rear section of the structure has been completely rebuilt, and is now a three story building.



Reverend Mark Corts New President of the Baptist State Convention, N.C.

Rev. Mack Corts

New President, Baptist State Convention

Charlotte—"I did not seek it. It is not something I went after," stated the Reverend Mark Corts, when he was elected President of the one-and-one-tenth million N.C. Baptist State Convention last October 16.

The seven thousand "messengers" Convention, meeting in Charlotte, elected the thirty-nine year old pastor of the First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, in a surprise move,

defeating Ray Benfield and Sarah Parker, Greensboro.

The Reverend Corts has led the membership of his church from about 143 to approximately 2,100 over a twelve year period. The emphasis during the 47th session of the Convention had been on logging church membership. He is a strong supporter of Lay Leadership in the local church.

Shaw Alumnus Honored

Tarboro, N.C. — Dr. Moses A. Ray, a 1941 graduate of Shaw University, now a Dentist and Mayor Pro Tempore of Tarboro, was honored Sunday, September 25, 1977 by the East Tarboro Citizens League and many professional, and fraternal organizations.

Over 250 friends gathered in the M.A. Ray Recreational Center, named in his honor, to pay tribute to a man who is in the words of Governor James Hunt, "one of the most outstanding leaders in our state."

It was a very special day for Dr. Ray in more ways than one. It also marked his 57th birthday.

There were 25 representatives of local and state government, civic organizations, schools and churches, along with public

service agency representatives to present proclamations, resolutions, certificates and special awards.

Dr. Ray's response to the two-and-one-half-hour tribute was "I feel very humbled on this occasion. I would like to express thanks to everyone for being here, but most of all to my parents, Moses and Carrie Ray, who are 79 and 81 years old and are here today. My accomplishments and honors I owe to the love, teaching, and sacrifices of my parents, my wife Helen, and my children Shiela and Ernest."

Representing Shaw University on this occasion were Dr. John Fleming, Interim President, and Thomas E. Kee, Director of University Relations.



From left to right: Ms. Sandra Huctkins, Best Grove Ms. Melinda Williams, St. Delight (Queen), and Ms. Gloria Harvey, Hooks Grove.

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Visions In Verse

This is a poem that was sent in to the Baptist Informer and written by Mrs. Sadie Boone of Chadbourne, N.C. We thought we would share it with our readers.

I'm tired, and oh so weary,
The load is heavy, the journey long,
I've done my work the best I could,
Now Lord, I want to go home.

I've seen the beauty of the lilies,
I've heard the birdies sing their song,
I've seen the rivers flow in ripples,
Now Lord, I want to go home.

I've heard the laughter of little children,
I've seen the cattle as they roam,
I've seen the clouds in billowing splendor,
Dear Lord, I want to go home.

You didn't remove my mountain,
But you made them as stepping stones
I have surmounted them one by one,
Lord, please let your child go home.

I've had my share of sorrow,
Pain and sickness, they have come,
Now I long for peace and quietness,
Dear Savior, please let me go home.
By Sadie Boone

BEYOND THE DOOR

Beyond the door, a home for evermore
Where Christ has gone before us
To prepare a place for us,

In Middle Ground Assoc.

Usher's Observe 1st Anniversary

By Mrs. Lenora Taylor

Robersonville — The Usher's Union of the Middle Ground Missionary Baptist Association observed its first Anniversary last July at the Wynn's Chapel Baptist Church near Robin-

sonville, the Reverend J.H. Chance, pastor. This was a step forward for the Ushers of the Middle Ground Association and emphasized the desire for progress among those in leadership.

The theme: "The Duties of the Ushers", set the tone in an educational direction during the four evenings observance. The Tuesday evening session was highlighted by a theme discussion: "Duties of The Ushers", led by Sister Esther Chance and a sermon by The Reverend John Williams. On Wednesday evening the theme was directed by Sister Carrie Lloyd, and a dynamic sermon was delivered by The Reverend Walter Cherry. The week day sessions were brought to a close on Thursday evening with the discussion being led by Deacon

Special Attention

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet will be held on Friday, January 13, 1978, 7:00 p.m. at the Bordeaux Motor Inn Convention Center, 1707 Owen Drive, Fayetteville.

Due to limit capacity, seats will be reserved for churches and groups only on the following basis: The first twenty front tables, seating nine per table, for a donation of \$200.00. All other tables reserved for churches or groups, seating eight per table, for a donation of \$150.00. A limited number of individual tickets will be available at \$20.00 per person. The first twenty churches or groups to donate the first 200.00 will have the choice of the front tables and all others will follow in order as donations are received.

All donations must be in by January, 1978. There will be no tickets available at the door. Those wishing to spend the night may make their reservation at the Bordeaux Motor Inn not later than January 1.

Please send your donations to Dr. C.C. Craig, Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 and tickets will be forwarded.

But nobody here has seen, those lovely mansions
BEYOND THE DOOR

Beyond that door, we all want to go
Into the Father's house.
Do we want to pay the price...?
We want to hear the words "Come Ye Blessed"
These words will our hearts entice.
BEYOND THE DOOR

"Let not your hearts be troubled", nor your
cares doubled.
"I am preparing for you
Because, I am caring for you.
There is plenty room, in my Father's house
BEYOND THE DOOR

In this life we have not seen what is behind the
door, But we have the promise of our Savior,
"Where I am ye shall be also".
That is enough to know, that we will be with Him
BEYOND THE DOOR

Nonight there... always fair... no need for light;
There God shines in His splendor and might.
No conception, no birth, therefore, no death.
No sorrow, no sickness, no pain nor woe...
BEYOND THE DOOR

We must grow in grace...in this place, the earth
We must be renewed by the "New Birth".
We must have God's Spirit within...
Which will cleanse us from sins...by Jesus' blood
Before we can enter in
BEYOND THE DOOR.

Composed by: Mrs. Millie B. Davis Route 1,
Box 106-A Halifax, N.C. 27839

Fred Small; an appropriate sermon was delivered by The Reverend W.V. Pridgett.

The observance was finally culminated on Sunday evening, July 26, at which time Sister Beulah Cross led the theme discussion and Dr. G.E. Brown delivered the final message.

The observance marked the beginning of a new avenue of progress within The Middle Ground Association. Each speaker appeared to be at their best during the four evenings of service. There was agreement among those who attended, that the sessions were informative, educational, and inspiring. Deacon Seamore Staton is president of the group and Sister Lenora Taylor is the recording secretary.

Receives Gift

A Vass couple gave about 900 acres of Moore and Harnett County land to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina Inc. Oct. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Read presented the former John B. Cameron homestead and plantation to Dr. W.R. Wagoner, president of the child care agency.

Accepting the gift on behalf of BCH trustees, Wagoner said, "This is one of the largest gifts ever received by the Children's Homes. Mr. and Mrs. Read will be privileged to see boys and girls benefit from wholesome outdoor life and training at that location."

The property gift was made in memory of John B. and T. Frank Cameron, grandfather and uncle of Mrs. Jessie Brooks Read, with a request that the land be used for the care and development of children.

Scholar Killed In Accident

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (RNS) — The Rev. Dr. Herbert G. May, a biblical scholar associated with Oberlin College and its former Graduate School of Theology for 36 years, died Saturday, Oct. 8, of injuries sustained in an automobile accident here. He was 73 years old.

A former president of the Society for Biblical Literature, Dr. May has more than 200 publications and 10 books to his credit. He chaired the committee which in 1973 published the Revised Standard Version Common Bible, the first American Bible acceptable to Protestants, Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox.



Barbara Ann Smalls "Miss Shaw University", placing wreath on grave of Shaw Founder, Henry Martin Tupper, last November 4th.

Ages 15 - 17

The Most Dangerous Years

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — A new federal report revealed that the birth rates have increased over the past decade for girls aged 15-17 while the rates for women in other age groups decreased.

Moreover, the study showed that the upward trends in teenage births occurred only among white girls. The rates for black girls decreased, even though the overall birth rates are still higher among black teenagers.

The National Center for Health Statistics, which compiled the statistics, described the findings puzzling. It did not attempt to discuss the implications of the figures; but other studies strongly suggest that the rise in teenage pregnancy is the result of increased sexual activity among youth.

Studies by Dr. John Kantner and Dr. Melvin Zelnik of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health suggested that while an increasing number of teenagers are using contraceptives, large numbers of

sexually active girls are not practicing birth control.

The federal study showed that in the decade from 1966-1975 the birth rate for all women of childbearing age (15-55) dropped 27 per cent. The rate among 18-19 year olds dropped by 29 per cent. However, the rate for 15-17 year olds increased by 2 percent.

The 2 per cent increase included a 6 per cent rise for white teenagers and a 12 per cent drop for black teenagers. Black girls still bear children at more than three times the rate of whites, but the rate was nearly four times the white rate a decade ago, according to the report.

Illegitimacy rates showed a slightly different pattern. The rates dropped for women over 20, but increased for all teenagers, with a sharp increase from 1973 among girls aged 18-19.

Girls 18-19 had the highest rate of illegitimacy in 1975 (about 33 births per thousand unmarried women). Rates for girls 15-17 increased from 13 to 20 births per thousand in the decade.

The rate of illegitimate births among unwed black teenagers 15-17 was 11 times that of whites in the same age group in 1969. The ratio has dropped to 8 times that of whites in 1975.

The new report was based on vital statistics from all 50 states and is a compilation and updating of "perplexing trends" in birth rates that have been emerging in the last decade.

Population experts have noted that the rise in teenage pregnancy has occurred despite increasingly available contraception and legal abortion. Among possible explanations are that unwed motherhood is becoming less of a stigma among whites and that girls tend to avoid using contraceptives until after their first "unplanned pregnancy."

Three Honorary

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now as executive secretary, she has exhibited vision, sincerity, and integrity. She has viewed missions as a heart beating inwardly and outwardly, the inward beat as home missions and the outward beat as foreign missions. Our honoree has been obedient to the Great Commission and faithful to her Christian calling.

MR. PRESIDENT, I deem it a special privilege to present Berthenia Dunlap Horne, for whom giving is living and living is giving, for the honorary degree DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS.

Concordia Theological Seminary Appoints A Black Professor

BY RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE (9-2-77)

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (RNS) — When the Rev. Robert H. Collins is installed as assistant professor of pastoral ministry at Concordia Theological Seminary here Sept. 11, he will become the first black seminary professor in the 130-year history of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

A 1963 graduate of the seminary, Pastor Collins served parishes in Columbus, Ga., and Bakersfield, Calif., for 14 years before accepting the call to the faculty.

He is a native of Chicago and, after graduating from Roosevelt University in 1957 with a B.S. in chemistry and biology, worked as an industrial chemist, research bacteriologist, and

chemical medical technologist.

After graduating from Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Mo., (which was later moved to Fort Wayne), Pastor Collins earned his S.T.M. degree at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Commenting on his acceptance of the call, Seminary President Robert D. Preus said, "In a day when the world desperately needs pastors trained in evangelism and counseling, what a blessing to welcome a man of Pastor Collins' intellectual stature, astuteness and practical background to our faculty."

Pastor Collins has served on the Synod's Commission on Social Concerns and chaired a similar committee for the Florida-Georgia District. He has been president of the Columbus Ministerial Alliance and chairman of Operation Breadbasket.

The newly named seminary professor is married to the former Junelle Mance. She is a graduate of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., where she earned the B.A. degree and has Masters degrees from Northwestern University (speech pathology) and Cal State, Bakersfield (special education).

The Collinses have a son, Andrew, 15, and daughter, Pamela, 11.

Threats Force Anita Bryant To Change New York City Plans

OLD TAPPAN, N.J. — November 7 — Anita Bryant said yesterday that "militant homosexuals" had repeatedly threatened her life, forced her family to turn their home into a virtual fortress, and made it all but impossible for her to obtain television appearances.

"I'm not afraid," she said. "So they kill me. So what? If that's the price I have to pay for standing as the concerned mother of my four children and to make it a decent country to live in, then it's worth paying the price. Miss Bryant, in New York City to discuss her new book, THE ANITA BRYANT STORY, (Revell, \$6.95, illustrated) — has based her story on her experiences as a Christian crusader against the "gay rights" activists. She was accompanied by a security guard at a news conference that had been hastily moved up a day after the police reported that homosexual liberation groups had threatened a "massive demonstration." Similarly, a live television appearance was cancelled in favor of taped interviews, after NBC received what a spokesman described as "several" bomb threats.

Miss Bryant claims she has been blacklisted by TV talk shows because the networks fear demonstrations. "I believe in the

right to differ," she said. "Apparently that right is being taken away in this country. I'm not saying I enjoy it, but if I had to do it all over again, I would make the same decision."

Miss Bryant's stand in the issue of homosexuality is clearly spelled out in THE ANITA BRYANT STORY. She says: I repeat my belief: Homosexuals do not suffer discrimination when they keep their perversions in the privacy of their homes. They can hold any job, transact any business, join any organization — so long as they do not flaunt their homosexuality and try to establish role models for the impressionable young people — our children...Homosexuals cannot reproduce — so they must recruit. And to freshen their ranks, they must recruit the youth of America."

Throughout the Dade county campaign, right up until the forced emergency departure of Anita Bryant and her husband, Bob Green, following the TODAY SHOW taping, they have demonstrated their Christian adherence to the scriptural admonition: "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matthew 5:44 (KJV).

SOS

Calling all concerned ordained Baptist ministers! This will be the most important meeting of your lives. Come to Shaw University Church on Wednesday, December 14, at 11 a.m. to consider organizing a statewide Baptist minister's union.

Savior, You have made us free, Through Your death at Calvary; Help us now to faithful be, Holding fast that liberty. —D.J.D.



Mars Hill Church

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